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BODON BILL

Proposal lands on Regents' agenda... again

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Dr. Julio Leon
College president

Bill to recommend new field moniker

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Bodon Bill, recommending that Missouri Southern's soccer field be named after Dr. Hal Bodon, former soccer coach at Southern, will be back in the hands of the Board of Regents Friday, according to College President Julio Leon.

The Bodon Bill first was brought before the regents during the April 19 meeting by student regent Julie Chapman.

But the measure received little consideration from the Board and no decision was ever made concerning the field.

Leon said the Student Senate's recommendations and efforts throughout this semester caught the attention of College officials and the Board.

“We feel that Dr. Bodon is very deserving of this award and his been a very vital part in the development of soccer not only at Missouri Southern but also within the Joplin community,” he said. “So we think that this would be a nice tribute to him.”

Bodon, a professor of communications for 25 years at Southern, began the College's soccer pro-

gram in 1972 as a club sport. On April 19, 1976, exactly 20 years before the Bodon Bill was brought before the regents last spring, the regents decided to incorporate Bodon's soccer program into the men's athletic department.

Alan Brady, senior student senator and initiator of the Bodon Bill, said he was proud to hear that the regents were going to reconsider the proposal.

“I think the most important thing is the tribute that could finally be paid to Bodon,” Brady said. “I apologize if we did step on a few of the administration's toes, if that is how they felt. But it was not our intention. Our intention

was to praise a great man for bringing the soccer program to Southern.”

Bodon, who retired last spring, began serving a two-year mission in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on July 1.

Leon said if the bill is passed, the dedication would in all likelihood take place during the 1997 soccer season.

He said the College would consider bringing Bodon back from Haiti for the ceremony.

“We would like to do something like that,” Leon said.

“He is serving his mission for two years, but we would like to explore that possibility.” □

Founding Father

Dr. Hal Bodon

- Career Record: 172-95-30 (15 years)
- 1972: Soccer program became part of the men's athletic department.
- 1987: Retired from his coaching duties.
- 1996: Retired from his teaching duties.
- Is currently serving a 2-year mission in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

PHYSICAL SCIENCE



Marlon “Bud” Sloan, associate professor of physics, demonstrates what the Van de Graff generator can do to hair in a lab Wednesday.

Is physical science really...

Southern's toughest class?

Course a requirement since Southern opened

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Physics: probably the one word that has most students on Missouri Southern's campus shaking in their advisers' offices.

Every student, with the exception of those who have obtained an associate of arts degree at a Missouri community college, must take Fundamentals of Physical Science to complete the College's core curriculum.

The class has been required since 1967, when Joplin Junior College became Missouri Southern College.

“The feeling was that students should have a background in physical sciences,”

said Dr. Vernon Balamonte, head of the physical sciences department. “We are living in a world which is governed and controlled by science technology, and physical sciences directly relate to that.”

According to Dr. Russell Phillips, professor of physics, in the College's early years the physical sciences were “like watered-down physics classes.”

“It was taking a typical physics textbook and simply going through problem after problem after problem, solving them rather than worrying about the concepts and the meaning behind certain laws of nature,” he said.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Area institutions differ in criteria

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Because higher education is highly accessible in the Midwest, students do not have to leave the four-state area. Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, or Arkansas — it's all there for the taking.

Although the goal of excellence in education is commonplace, each state has its own area of significance.

Higher education in the state of Missouri is geared toward keeping Missouri residents within the state by providing quality education financed through lower tuition costs and financial assistance programs.

“Missouri residents who score 30 on the ACT test may qualify for the Bright Flight scholarship, which is \$2,000 a year,” said Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid at Missouri Southern. “This is to keep brighter kids in Missouri. It is cheaper to go in state than out.”

Missouri has a broad array of higher education institutions within a short drive of most residents. From journalism to the medical field, Missouri has boasted many students who have since become world renowned, according to Gilbert.

“The quality of education is excellent in most Missouri schools,” he said.

According to Eldon Wallace, associate commissioner of fiscal affairs at the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), Missouri is home to 29 public institutions for higher learning.

“Each four-year institution receives appropriations directly from the General Assembly, but they have autonomy in terms of the way they spend it,” he said.

Wallace said each two-year institution is not only funded through money allocated by the legislature, but through student fees and local property taxes.

“In comparison to other states, institutions in Missouri have certainly a considerable amount of latitude in terms of the way they spend the funds,” he said. “They turn more toward making progress through technology and maintenance and repair of the campuses.”

Wallace emphasized one of the chief educational goals of the CBHE — access, financially and geographically.

“We may not always hit geographic access, but we are trying to achieve it through distance in education. If we can't have an institution within a 30-minute drive, there are other ways to provide access to these institutions.”

He said the use of the Internet and interactive television is not a new concept, but rather a method of changing the delivery of education.

The average cost of tuition and required fees for a Missouri resident attending a four-year institution within the state based on the 1996-97 academic year is \$2,274. Tuition and fees for a non-resident totals \$4,340.

A Missouri student attending a four-year public institution in the state could save \$2,065 by staying “at home.”

The state of Kansas has approximately 22 public institutions of higher learning funded by the Kansas Board of Regents. According to Ray Hawk, director of planning and budget for the Board of Regents, Kansas has a wide variety of institutions specializing in specific fields of interest.

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Balamonte: Course not as demanding at Crowder

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Students do not have to go far to avoid Fundamentals of Physical Science at Missouri Southern, as Crowder College in Neosho offers a physical science course that will transfer.

Many students choose to pick up the required course at Crowder, often during the summer, because it is reputed to be less demanding.

“I heard about Crowder from fellow students,” said Sarah Frieze, a July 1996 graduate of Southern. “I heard it was easier to pass at Crowder, and I didn't think I could pass it at Southern.”

“I'm just an average ‘C’ student, and I felt it would be difficult to make a good grade here.”

Frieze attended Crowder in the summer of 1994 to complete her physical science requirement.

Dr. Vernon Balamonte, head of Southern's physical sciences department, doesn't disagree that the course is not as demanding at Crowder.

“Of course the course is easier at Crowder,” he said. “If it were harder there would be no reason for our students to go there.”

However, Balamonte said he didn't think students should have to leave campus to complete their physical science requirement.

Students dread ‘physics’ nightmare

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Question: If someone drops a pebble from a 100-foot bridge, how long will it take for it to reach the water? This is just one of many brainteasers found in Foundations of Physical Science, a required course feared by many Missouri Southern students.

Exactly what is it about this course that instills such dread in the hearts of so many students?

Although physical science is a core requirement, some students say it is probably the most feared course on campus.

“Unless you're majoring in [a science], it is a

“The course we teach in physical science is a high school-level course or a junior high school-level course,” he said. “I hate to think that we have students who are afraid to take high school-level classes.”

Dr. Herb Schade, head of the physical science department at Crowder, argues that his college's

very difficult course,” said Sara Michael, junior elementary education major.

Besides the degree of difficulty, said Monica Harris, junior music education major, “It is a five-hour class, which can really screw up your GPA.”

Harris said she recommends taking 17 hours to start with, so “if you have to drop the five-hour course you'll still be full-time.”

“I also suggest taking it over the summer so you can concentrate on it more,” she said.

Michael said she plans to take the course at Crowder College, where it has the reputation of

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course is not less taxing.

“I doubt seriously you could characterize classes as being easier at Crowder,” he said. “Our courses are very structured and not simple ones to pass.”

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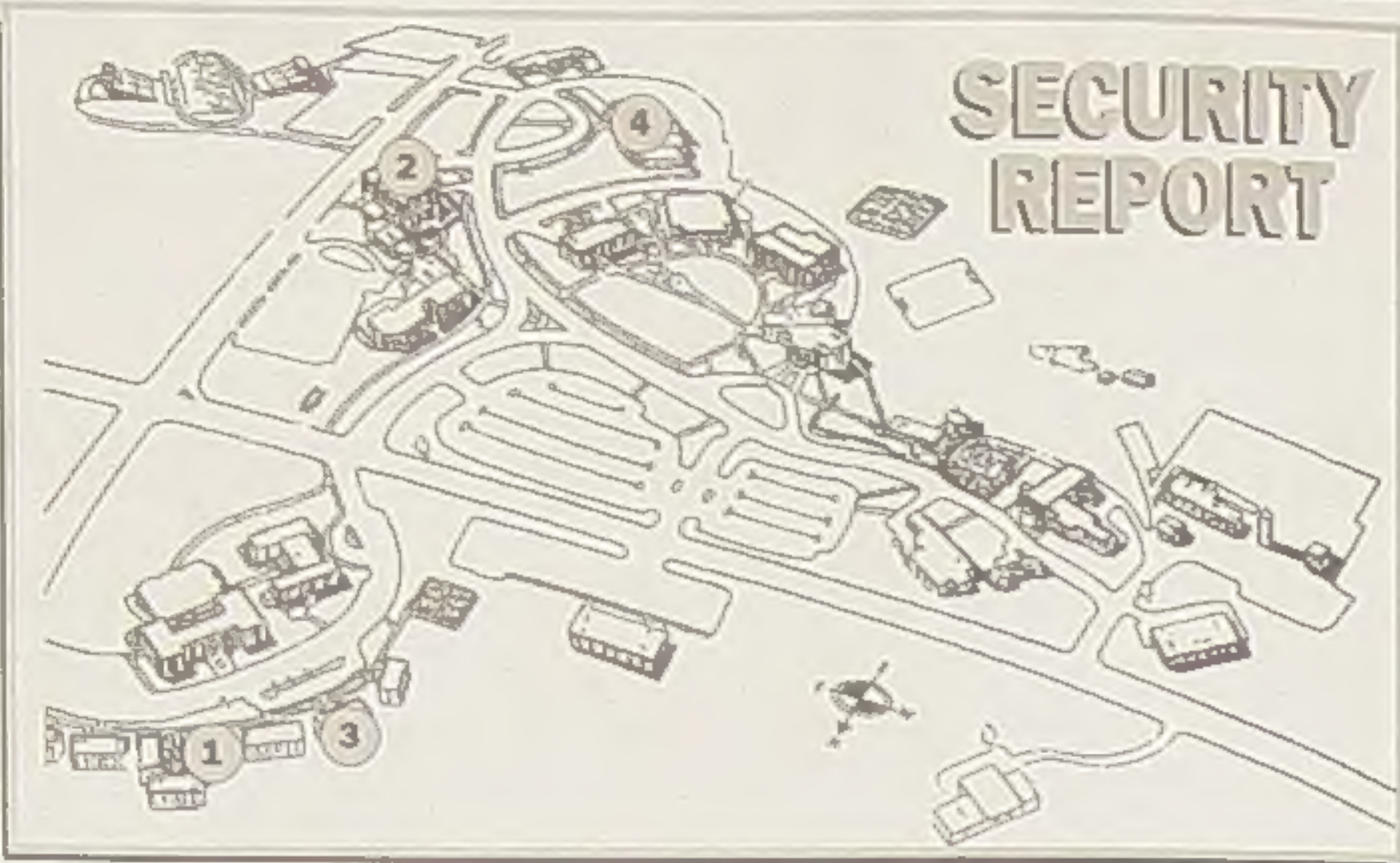
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SECURITY REPORT

- | Marker | Date | Location | Time | Incident |
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| 1 | 11/08/96 | DRYER HALL | 12:30 a.m. | Teresa Toole, freshman CIS major, reported her \$150 dark green bicycle missing from the stairwell next to her apartment. |
| 2 | 11/08/96 | LOT 16 | 4 p.m. | Shanna Cramer, junior elementary education major, reported her front passenger side window of her 1988 Ford Escort had been broken and several items, including her purse, had been stolen. Her purse contained a billfold, three credit cards, \$10, a checkbook and a savings book. She was advised to contact the Joplin Police Department. |
| 3 | 11/11/96 | STEGGE HALL | 3 p.m. | Julie Carey, freshman psychology major, reported that approximately 33 CDs had been stolen from her roommate while they away during the weekend. There are no suspects at this time. |
| 4 | 11/11/96 | YOUNG GYM | 7 p.m. | Student helper Shawn Johnston, sophomore criminal justice major, was plugging in a vacuum cleaner into a wall fixture south of the training room when it shorted out, burning his right hand. The College trainer applied first aid to the hand, and Johnston said he may have it examined at a local hospital. |

GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Massa receives state honor

Recipients selected based on effective teaching, advising

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With his great classroom wit and journalism background, Richard Massa, professor of communications at Missouri Southern, has been chosen as a recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Massa

The award will be formally presented at the Governor's Conference on Higher Education Dec. 11 in Kansas City. The award is based on effective teaching and advising at the undergraduate level, community service, commitment to high standards, and the impact the person has had on students' academic and personal achievement.

Each year, Gov. Mel Carnahan recognizes one faculty member from

each college and university in the state. Warren Turner, head baseball coach, was Southern's selection in 1995.

"Obviously we feel that Mr. Massa is highly deserving of this award," said College President Julio Leon. "He has been an essential part of not only the communications department but also to his students in the classroom. He has been a guiding influence in Missouri Southern's growth and development, and he has been a valued mentor and role model to hundreds of students."

Massa, who came to Southern in 1972, is currently the director of the Institute of International Studies and head of the communications department. Over the past two years, he has helped shape the College's approach to an international education, leading a task force to internationalize the curriculum, develop an international studies major and minor, and enable students and faculty to study abroad.

Leon said Massa's involvement with the international mission has been "extraordinary."

"He has been the head of our task force that has shaped many programs we have within our Institute of International Studies," Leon said. "He has displayed dedication to the College and its mission and an enormous effort toward the College's vision."

He has been a guiding influence in Missouri Southern's growth and development, and he has been a valued mentor and role model to hundreds of students.

Dr. Julio Leon
College President

Massa became a full professor of communications in 1987. In his 38-year career, he also has taught at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), Mississippi State College for Women, and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. □

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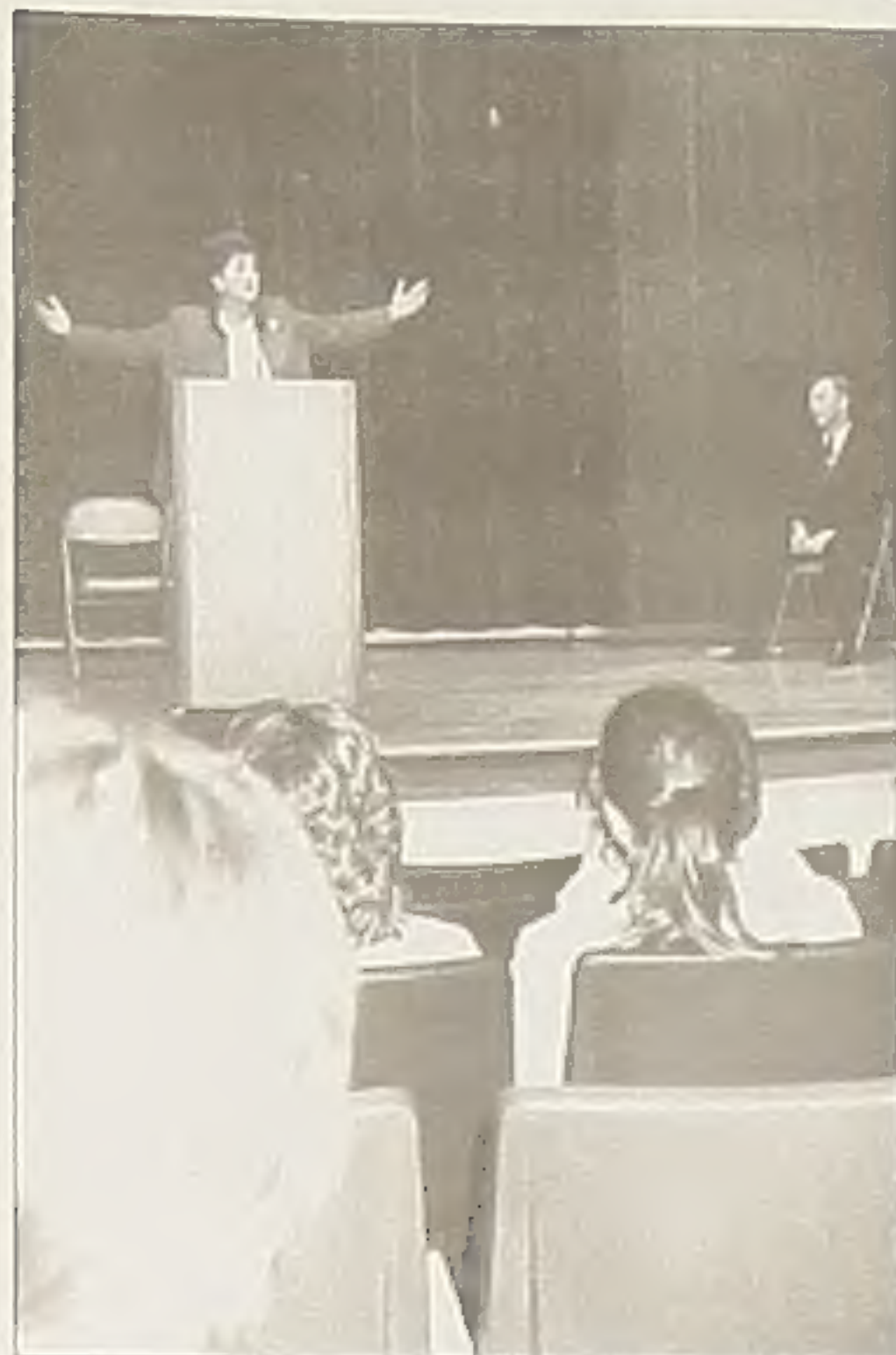
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HELEN S. BOYLAN SYMPOSIUM

Griffith delights crowd during speech



GINNY DUMOND/The Chart
Naomi Haines Griffith entertains the crowd at this year's Helen S. Boylan Symposium lecture Tuesday morning. Griffith tours the nation speaking about child abuse.

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

A southern drawl and forthright attitude made for an entertaining and provocative speech by Naomi Haines Griffith at the seventh annual Helen S. Boylan Symposium on women in government.

The symposium was given in association with the Missouri Southern Coalition Against Child Abuse and held in Webster Hall auditorium Tuesday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science, ended his introduction of Griffith by saying, "Suffice it to say, she's been busy," in place of listing Griffith's numerous achievements and awards.

"I'd rather be dead than bored," Griffith said in her opening remarks, "so, I want you to be comfortable for the next hour."

To give the audience a little background on where her values originated, Griffith told several stories about "her people" who originated in Iuka, Miss. Among these stories was one that included principles that Griffith says have affected every aspect of her life.

"Everyone needs a sense of identity," she said. "We all need to be able to stand proudly as we speak our parents' name."

The other principle is that every child needs the encouragement that he or she can do anything.

Without a doubt I want those I speak to to see the importance of families.



Naomi Haines Griffith
Helen S. Boylan Symposium speaker

"You can do it" are words that no child should go without hearing," she said.

The main point of Griffith's speech was that members of a community are not simply responsible for their own children, but that it really does take a "village" to raise a child.

"Every one of you in this room is here because of the family you were born into," she said, "and none of you got to choose your families either."

Griffith says the people who know how to parent usually know how because their parents knew how to parent.

"A child who has hope makes better choices," she said.

At a luncheon following the late-morning speech, Griffith said the primary purpose for traveling to give more than 60 lectures a year is to educate people about the role of families in society.

"Without a doubt, I want those I speak to

see the importance of families, families that work and families that don't," she said.

Griffith, who began speaking professionally in 1989, said she tries to keep things fresh every time she speaks and that her key to being a successful speaker is going back to what made her family the huge influence it was in her life.

"I try to stay very close to what I know," she said.

The Annie Baxter Award, given in memory of the first woman elected to a county-wide public office in Missouri, was also awarded at the luncheon to Joplin Globe reporter Susan Redden.

Simpson said in Redden's introduction that she is an "institution at city hall."

After receiving the award, Redden said of journalism, "You can never do it good enough; maybe this will give me the impetus to keep doing it." □

SPORTS INFORMATION

New director jumps right into action

By DAN WISZKON
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming is only a day away for Missouri Southern's new sports information director, Joseph Moore.

Moore, who was born in Sedalia, will return to Missouri to take over for Dennis Slusher, former sports information director, starting Friday.

He comes from North Dakota's Dickinson State University, where he was SID, news bureau manager, and campus photographer for the past two years. His credentials include a five-month internship as assistant SID with Norfolk (Va.) State University. Moore, 26, was plucked out of a field of 21 candidates for the position by Jim Frazier, director of men's athletics, and a selection committee.

Frazier said six applicants met the desired criteria, but it was Moore's personality that made him fit in with the coaching staff.

"He's excited to be a Lion," Frazier said about the new SID. "We found him to be very personable during the interview. Joe's going to be an outstanding person for the Southern sports family."

Moore believes he has some big shoes to fill in replacing Slusher, who was here for 12 years, but he looks forward to the challenge. He said his strong blend of experience and skill gives him much to offer Southern. Moore received his master's degree in mass communication from Central Missouri State University in 1994, where was an assistant SID. He also played football against the Lions.

"My football background helps me better understand the needs of coaches and athletes," he said. "My heart has always been working in sports."

Duties for the new SID will include development of media guides, promoting student-athletes for post-season athletic and academic honors, and coordinating game management of home contests. With a home basketball game Friday night and a home football game Saturday against Washburn University, Moore will have his hands full upon arrival.

"I'm jumping right into the fire," he joked.

Moore labeled himself as a Type A personality, someone who is committed to getting the job done.

"This is an opportunity for me to get back to doing what I love at a quality school," he said. "I'm grateful for the faith Southern has put in me and will not let them down." □

STUDENT FEATURE

...rather than stay home and become a couch potato, I'd do something. Lugli proves it's never too late to dream



MIKE FOX/The Chart
Being a great-grandmother seven times over hasn't stopped 80-year-old junior general studies major Crystal Lugli from pursuing her dream of a college degree.

By BRIAN PALMER
CHART REPORTER

Many people would have given up on fulfilling their dreams long before reaching 80. Not Crystal Lugli, junior general studies major.

"I've always wanted to go ahead and get a degree," she said. "This was such a golden opportunity, living so close. I decided that, rather than stay home and become a couch potato, I'd do something."

Lugli decided she wanted to learn to play the organ, so she did. She also decided she wanted to tour Europe, so she did.

"I had three things I wanted to do in life," Lugli said. "I've done two of them. I'm on the third."

She said she liked parts of Greece and Italy because of the biblical background in these countries. These were not the only countries she enjoyed, however.

"I thought that Austria was absolutely beautiful," she said. "So was Denmark."

She believes the trip to Europe was the most interesting thing she's ever done.

"I had done a lot of reading beforehand," Lugli said. "I knew what I wanted to see, and I got to see it."

Lugli was born in Galesburg, Ill., on Sept. 2, 1916, and attended high school in Quincy, Ill. She then moved to California and went to junior college for a year.

She retired from the Department of the Navy, where she worked as a civilian in the payroll department for 20 years. She enjoys doing crossword puzzles, playing the organ, knitting, doing needlepoint, and reading.

"I'm an avid reader," she said. "I read anything and everything. My favorite is James Michener."

Lugli has two children, Tom, 56, and Steve, 52. She also has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She said she enjoys the "student fellowship" at Missouri Southern.

"You have been wonderful to me," Lugli said. "I was a little hesitant about that when I first got here."

To her fellow students, she offers this advice: "Hang in there."

"It's always darkest before the dawn," Lugli said. "You think about that. When you get down and you think you can't go another step, keep going and you will see the whole light." □

INFORMATION SERVICES

Students now surf from residence hall rooms

Residents get access to Internet, library from their own PCs

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Residence hall students wanting to surf the Internet can now get access to the World Wide Web from personal computers in their rooms.

Foresight for just such a need was realized years ago when the rooms in residence halls were wired for computers.

With computers becoming a mainstay in college residence halls across the country, it was only a matter of time before Southern

allowed students to jack-in.

Students, however, have been slow to line up for the Internet service provided through the College. Some believe it might have something to do with the necessary \$225 network interface card (NIC).

"We provide a port because we'll be using those throughout the years," said Steve Earmey, assistant vice president for information services.

However, Earmey said, the NIC can be used for years by students and later sold to other students if it still works. He said the service allows students to access the College's servers, but only one student he knows of for sure has signed up.

"They can sell the card to another student if they're only in the dorms for a year or so," Earmey said.

Because the NIC isn't something that is installed into computers origi-

nally, College workers will install the card into students' PCs when they hook up the computers to the campus servers.

Earmey believes students are getting a bargain at \$225 for all the services they receive.

Students get software, as well as the hardware, for basically the price of the hardware, which is already priced at direct cost instead of retail.

Earmey said the NICs will go into Windows-compatible computers.

"We hope the value is in excess of the cost," he said.

Ron Mitchell, men's residence hall director, is in line to receive the service.

"My room is going to be one of the first," he said. "I've had quite a few kids ask about it."

With the new Student Life Center close by, many residence hall stu-

dents find there is no need to pay \$225 for a NIC. However, Mitchell said there is a need to have the residence hall room computer jacked-in.

"The SLC is always busy," he said, "and that lab is always packed."

Adding the privacy and easy access factors into a student's PC may encourage more students to get the Internet service through the College.

"They have a lot of access available to them," Earmey said.

Besides having the World Wide Web at their disposal, students also have access to the Spiva Library's system, as well as EBSCO, a program that lists articles from magazines and other periodicals covering a wide range of topics. The College also provides access to the servers on campus so students won't be slowed by the load of work being done online at any given moment. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Webster matriarch dies after lengthy illness

Janet P. Whitehead Webster, wife of former Missouri Southern benefactor Sen. Richard M. Webster, died at the age of 70 Sunday evening after a long illness.

Mrs. Webster was born March 31, 1926, in St. Louis. She graduated from Crystal City High School in 1944 and the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1948.

She married Richard Webster on July 3, 1948. He died March 3, 1990.

She was a member of the First Christian Church and its Mr. and Mrs. Sunday school class, missionary guild, and missionary committee. She was chairman of the church decorating committee and a member of the church choir for 25 years.

In the community, she was a member of the Carthage Chapter AP, PEO Sisterhood, and the McCune-Brooks Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, William Webster, Prairie Village, Kan., and Richard Webster, Jr., Carthage; a brother, Jack Whitehead, Houston, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Webster took history classes at Southern in the fall of 1991, a year before a building named after her husband was completed on the campus. Now those history classes are held in Webster Hall.

"One of the main reasons I'm here is because it makes me feel close to my husband," Mrs. Webster said in a 1991 interview.

College President Julio Leon remembers Mrs. Webster for more than her husband's contributions.

"It was very sad to hear about her passing away," Leon said. "She was such a good friend of the College. If I could think of one word that could describe her, I think that word would have to be 'class.'"

Services are at 2 p.m. today at the First Christian Church in Carthage. Ministers Mike Hughes and Bob Lytle will officiate. Burial will be in Park Cemetery. □

ISEP offering workshop to enhance applications

Students interested in Missouri Southern's International Student Exchange Program will have the opportunity to attend a workshop at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 310 of the Billingsly Student Center.

ISEP coordinator Nadine Schmidt will conduct the workshop, which will cover the "when, where, how, and why" of studying abroad through ISEP, as well as tips for preparing a strong application.

All interested students are invited to attend the workshop.

Schmidt said ISEP provides an affordable, convenient way for Missouri Southern students to study in another country. Students can choose to study at one of 117 colleges and universities in 37 countries.

Exchanges are available for a semester, a year, or in some instances, the summer term.

More than 56 fields of study are offered through ISEP, and instruction is available in 19 different languages. The cost of the exchange is the same as the cost of tuition, room, and board at Southern. Financial aid and scholarships do apply. □

Medieval Club invites students for first forum

If there are any Missouri Southern students who have a penchant for the rack and like to eat without utensils, Southern's Medieval Club invites them to take part in the club's first meeting Friday, Nov. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The club will also have another meeting on Monday, Nov. 25 at the same time. Both meetings will be held in the Student Life Center.

Members must attend at least one of the meetings. □

FAREWELL COLUMN

Shouldn't I be happy about graduating?

With only three weeks of classes left, I am already thinking about graduation. I have invested four and a half great years at this institution (three of them at *The Chart*), but unlike most graduates, I am not happy about leaving.

When I walked into *The Chart* office three years ago, I never suspected I would let a group of people affect my life so much. I didn't have a choice. I



Genie Undernehr
Assistant Adviser

found myself spending more and more time in the office, learning what it takes to put together a newspaper and acquiring a new family along the way. Dealing with long hours, sleepless nights, and constant companionship can bond friendships the way nothing else can. The serious arguments and silly squabbles seemed only to make the bonds stronger. Believe it or not, I will miss the traditional wonderful-horrible never-ending Wednesday *Chart* nights that have given me many of my best and worst memories, including the time last year when we thought the processor had a light leak. We tried taping up every single window in the office and printing pages in pitch-black darkness. It didn't work. We ended up developing our pages in the darkroom, and we didn't finish until around 2 p.m. Thursday. I think it was the worst night in my *Chart* career.

The last three years have been tough, but fun. I have given this newspaper more hard work and dedication than I will probably give any future job. Chances are, I will never work this hard again because no other job could be this demanding. Balancing classes, homework, and free time (if you're lucky to get any) on top of writing stories, editing copy, managing a staff, and building pages for a newspaper each week is a tough load to carry. But year after year, *The Chart* staff manages to carry it off and still maintain the high standards for which it is known. I am proud to have been a part of it all, and again, I hate to leave.

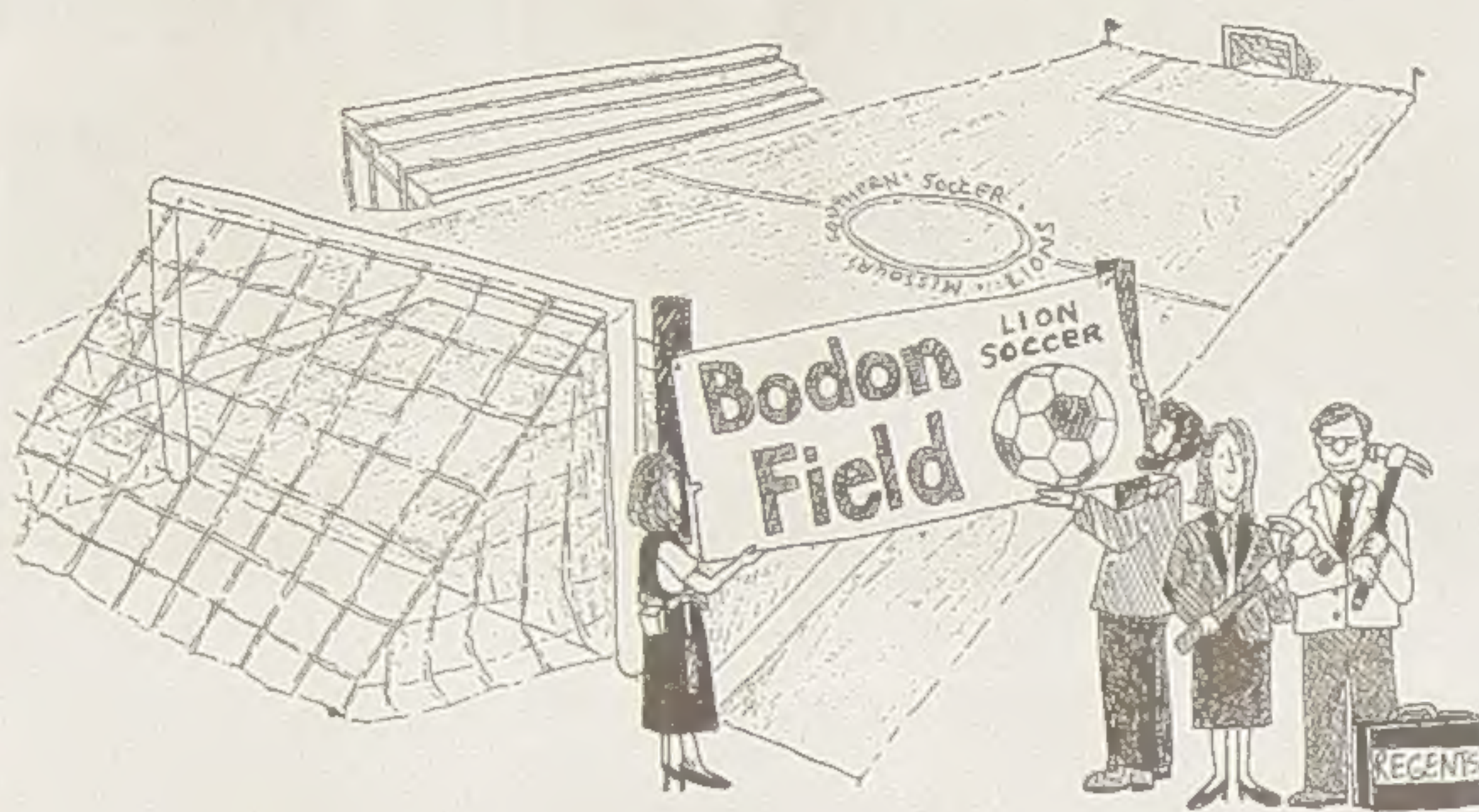
I feel that, as I leave *The Chart*, I am also leaving all of the people I have grown so close to, although I know most of them will be here for another couple of years and I will know just where to find them. I feel like I am being forced from my safe, comfortable atmosphere and I will again be alone as I enter the "real world."

These last few weeks, and the weeks to come, are not filled with joy for my coming graduation (although a small part of me does feel a bit of relief), but with confusion and uncertainty about my future. I am sure I am not the only graduate experiencing this.

Graduation, though, does have its pluses. I will be the first person on either side of my family to graduate from college; I just wish my mother could be here to see it happen.

I am in the process of obtaining a post-graduation internship with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education in Jefferson City, where I will learn a different aspect to editing and publishing. In spite of my reluctance to leave, I find myself getting excited about this possible step toward my future, and it makes the thought of leaving more bearable. This is my bridge to the "real world." Who knows where I could go next?

I know all things must change eventually, but I don't have to like it. I know that I will leave and eventually find my niche, whatever that niche may be, and I will hope my family at *The Chart* will always save a place at home for me. □



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of *The Chart* editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Regents must pass Bodon Bill

Bust out the rubber stamp, because the Bodon Bill is headed back to Missouri Southern's Board of Regents for a decision.

This is the second time the regents have had the issue before them. The Bodon Bill calls for the College to name the soccer field after former foreign language instructor Hal Bodon, who established Southern's soccer program in 1972.

In April, the regents gave the Bodon Bill little consideration when student regent Julie Chapman brought it before them at the request of the Student Senate.

Why it wasn't approved then we may never know, but College President Julio Leon told the Student Senate in October that it had something to do with not going through the proper channels.

The way many look at it, there shouldn't be any discussion about it. Bodon dedicated himself to this institution, and much of what he did at Southern went unappreciated, not to mention unpaid. As the father of Southern's soccer program, Bodon brought something to this College and to this area that many have enjoyed and relished.

The soccer program is just one of the reasons Southern is a great institution. Its foreign language offerings is another. Bodon's influence in the communications department can still be seen. He taught French and German before heading to Haiti in July on a religious mission.

There is little doubt the effects of Hal Bodon's presence on this campus have been nothing but positive. It is now time for the College to establish a long-lasting tribute to the man. □

Thanks for the memories, dedication

The time has come to say good-bye.

Today *The Chart* bids farewell to two people who have played vital roles in making our newspaper what it is today.

Genie Undernehr and Dan Wiszkon have witnessed and experienced everything our college newspaper has to offer. Without their help, *The Chart* would not have been recognized as the nation's best non-daily college newspaper.

Genie joined our staff in January 1994 simply by walking in the door, as she was curious to see what really went on in our office. But like so many others, she quickly found herself a part of a staff, which at times becomes a secondary family for many of us.

Genie quickly moved up *The Chart* ladder. She served as campus editor in 1994-95 before becoming editor-in-chief last year.

Her quiet dependability, her strong work ethic, and her knack for detail helped *The Chart* gain its national award

from the Society of Professional Journalists earlier this semester.

Genie, we are deeply grateful for your efforts.

Dan, who served as arts and entertainment editor in 1994-95 and managing editor last fall, was a tireless writer for us. He had a knack for quickly jumping on his assigned stories, setting an example for the rest of the staff.

His feature stories on various personalities, along with his love of the unusual, is something *The Chart* will miss. Despite leaving the paper for a semester last spring, Dan returned this year to cover Lions' soccer.

Dan, we are sorry to see you leave again.

The Chart would also like to express its gratitude to Craig Belfa, a former staff member and current editor of *Crossroads: The Magazine*. Craig, your willingness to contribute in times of need was a great asset.

Yes, these three dedicated journalists will graduate, but they will not be forgotten. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to *The Chart* office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

IIS, ISEP programs complement each other

I wanted to clarify some information that appeared in the Nov. 7 front-page article, "Program offers 'life-changing' experience" and the page four editorial "All aboard, now boarding Air Southern." Both of these items state, "Unlike the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), the IIS grant program will allow students to study abroad for a week, a month, or a year."

ISEP is a mechanism through which students can study abroad — It provides an infrastructure for setting up the exchange, a convenient and affordable way to pay for the exchange, and a system for credit transfer.

Through ISEP, Missouri Southern stu-

dents can study abroad for a semester, an academic year, or, in some instances, for the summer term, at any one of the 117 institutions in 37 countries.

By contrast, the IIS grant program provides financial support so students can take advantage of any number of study abroad mechanisms. So comparing ISEP to the IIS grant program is like comparing apples to oranges.

Students could apply for an IIS grant to support the cost of an ISEP exchange (which is the same as the cost of tuition, room, and board at Missouri Southern plus transportation to the host country and incidental expenses).

Moreover, a student's regular financial aid and scholarships are applicable to the cost of an ISEP exchange. ISEP is an affordable and convenient way for Missouri Southern students to study abroad.

I would hate for students to think that they should choose between ISEP and the IIS grant program. That simply isn't the case.

Nadine P. Schmidt
Assistant to the vice president for
academic affairs,
ISEP coordinator

FAREWELL COLUMN

Reaching my goals was no 'piece of cake'

Earning my bachelor's degree in communications next month will mark the end of a remarkable journey.

It wasn't a piece of cake like I had hoped it would be when transferring from a community college in St. Louis, but now it's over.

No longer will I have to hear about campus rules or listen to boring lectures. How sweet freedom can be.

Perhaps the highlight of my career at Southern was kicking butt on *The Chart* as arts editor and later as managing editor.

I will always have a great sense of pride in knowing I contributed 136 stories and countless hours to the best non-daily college newspaper in the country.

Just the feedback I received from people on campus concerning my editor's columns made everything worthwhile.

For every good comment someone said to my face, I had about two pieces of hate mail waiting for me in the office.

I've been labeled a racist, a satanist, a sexist, an idiot (well, this may have some truth), a homophobic gay-basher, and other things in my glory days. And these folks inspired me each and every time.

Thanks! The last two and a half years have provided me with my share of ups and downs, friends and enemies.

I'll be taking a lot of memories from here, everything from surviving in the crappy residence halls to the wild nights in Pittsburgh.

Southern allowed me to meet many interesting and exciting people along the way.

These people talked with me, drank beer with me (off campus, of course), and made me feel at home.

Attending college in Joplin has given me a whole new perspective on life, not to mention rescuing me from the misery of growing up and living in downtown St. Louis.

Sure, the cafeteria food could've been better, the windows in my apartment could've opened, and the business office could've mailed my bills on time, but it's all behind me now.

Was it all worth it? Most definitely. My education at Southern has already led to one job offer and an important interview at the *Southwest Times Record* in Fort Smith, Ark.

If things work out, I'll soon make an immediate impact as a young reporter down south with a respectable newspaper. It would be like a dream come true.

I'm not afraid of what the next few months hold in store for me.

Rather, I look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead. I'll never forget my roots at Missouri Southern or the people who helped me on campus no matter how successful I may become.

Special thanks goes to my roommates, Steve Johnson and Ben Michel, for their friendship.

I'll miss these crazy guys like brothers.

I would also like to thank Dr. Erik Bitterbaum for his cooperation and support and my adviser, Dr. Chad Stebbins, for helping bring me here.

Graduation closes the second of three chapters of my life. It was a blast while it lasted, but every party must come to an end.

At last, the real world awaits! □



Dan Wiszkon
Staff Writer

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TESTING

Review provides LSAT tips

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Remember those story problems in algebra — the ones about two trains leaving from points A and B, each traveling at different speeds in opposite directions? Questions similar to this one (without the math and much more difficult) make up the logical analysis section of the LSAT.

Dr. Barry Brown, associate professor of philosophy, is providing a review for the "logic games" section of the LSAT from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 in Hearnes Hall Room 320.

"[We will give] tips for how to do them, how to do them quickly, and how to get the best grade possible on that section of the test," he said.

"The LSAT is so important because it's the one unifier regardless of where you go to school; you still have to take the same test," said Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science. "These questions are traditionally really intimidating to students."

Brown said he will give students tips like shorthand codes or symbols to use on the test. He said the test will have three to five "games," with each "game" having four to seven questions.

Students can get sample questions from Yates or Dr. Trina Scott, assistant professor of law enforcement. They recommend practicing in advance to help prepare for the logic section.

"If you develop a logical analytical approach to solving these problems," Yates said, "then you're going to be a lot more prepared when you see these on the test and you're also going to be a lot more relaxed."

Brown recommends those students planning to attend the review to pick up a copy of sample questions and practice the section before coming to the review.

"What we hope to do in our training session," Yates said, "is familiarize students, first of all, with the format and give them some practical solutions and methods." □

FLIPPER?



Zach Smith, freshman criminal justice major, puts on swimming fins as he prepares to snorkel in the pool Wednesday in Young Gym.

TERESA BLAND/The Chart

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Southern to offer middle school certification

College forms new CMLA chapter, serves as national host site

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

No longer do Missouri Southern education majors have to pick elementary or secondary certifications. Southern has recently been given the go-ahead to offer a middle school certification.

According to Dr. Vikki Spencer, associate professor of education, the accreditation has been anticipated for some time.

"We've been moving toward this for about five years now, and by the state of Missouri requiring it after this year, it enabled us to go ahead and get things enacted that we needed to bring that into being," she said.

Spencer said Missouri accredited Southern's middle school program last fall.

"Not very many colleges and universities in the state of Missouri yet have a separate middle school certification, and Missouri

Southern does, so we're in the advance of that statewide," she said.

When representatives from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education visited Southern in mid-October, Spencer said they seemed pleased with what they saw.

"The national accreditation is a voluntary process, and all those who apply for it, only about one in three actually receive it," she said. "So it's a real pat on the back, a real statement of affirmation for the program that it has been certified nationally."

According to Spencer, a middle school certification impacts the elementary grades by going down to fifth grade. At the middle school level, a dual certification requires that teachers be certified in two of these content areas: mathematics, science, language arts, or social studies.

Along with the approval of the middle school program comes the Collegiate Middle Level Association, a student organization that was formally started last spring.

The national organization has chosen Southern as the national host site until Dec. 31, 1999.

Spencer hopes the organization will draw

attention to middle school teaching as a career choice.

"I think it's a great age to work with, and it's often overlooked," she said. "I don't think people consider it when they think of going into elementary or secondary, but middle level education hasn't had its own identity."

The certification is a positive move for Southern's education department, according to Spencer.

"I think it will be a tremendously growing field. The potential for jobs is tremendous there because it is a brand new certification and one that the state is requiring."

"So for anyone interested in upper elementary or early secondary, this is just the ideal certification to pick up." □

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

New course includes travel

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

See the world! Gain valuable experience and academic credit! Actually, this isn't the latest Army Reserve ad — it's a description of the proposed course Three Cities: Literature and Life — An Intercultural Experience, which is to be held next summer.

The class will be taught by Dr. Doris Walters, professor of English, and Dr. Maryann Weber, associate professor of communications.

The course is sponsored by Southern's new Institute of International Studies, and students enrolled in the course may apply for grants, which are based on need.

"The deadline for applications for funding is Jan. 31, but the sooner you turn your application in, the better your chances of getting the grant you're after," Walters said.

Required reading for the course will be Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, Hugo's *Les Misérables*, and Dante's *Inferno*.

According to the syllabus, the

class will have three pre-trip meetings to discuss the novels, and then will spend 15 days traveling through Europe visiting the cities that were the settings for the readings, as well as some other sites of interest.

The group will depart from the U.S. on July 14, traveling to spend three days in London, followed by a day in Hampton Court and a journey to Paris by the Chunnel, two more full days in Paris, a journey by the TGV to Lausanne, Switzerland, and then to Lucerne, Switzerland.

Following Lucerne, the group will visit Pisa, Florence, Assisi, and Rome, all in Italy, and then return to the United States on July 27.

The course, not surprisingly, will feature little homework, and students will be graded on a journal kept concerning their reading of the novels, another journal containing their experiences on the trip and reactions to them, and on two tests. One test will be given before the trip and will cover the reading material, and the other will be given after the trip and will cover the places visited. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

5 SMSU students pursue new master's degree

Five Southwest Missouri State University students are the first to pursue a new master's degree in health and wellness this fall, as the Coordinating Board for Higher Education approved SMSU's health promotion and wellness management degree in August.

The health and wellness master's degree is the only one of its kind in both public and private higher education institutions in Missouri.

The program is a 33-hour interdisciplinary master of science degree that includes 24 hours of required core classes, six hours of internship, and three hours of thesis option or elective.

"This is the most forward-looking degree in our field," said Dr. Rhonda Ridiager, professor of health, physical education and recreation. "Its strength draws on its interdisciplinary nature. The program is in direct response to market needs in the health-care delivery system."

The new degree extends the growth of SMSU's graduate college, which has added 10 new degree programs in the past four years, according to Dr. Frank Einhellig, graduate college dean.

"This is part of a planned effort to establish the programming necessary for SMSU to become the graduate education center for the region," he said. "We are speaking to the needs of a variety of potential students, especially today when so many jobs rely on more than a bachelor's degree background." □

Disney profiles NWMO teacher for yearly honor

Sherril Strating, instructor of curriculum and instruction and the fourth-level teacher at Horace Mann School at Northwest Missouri State University, will be featured on national television this week.

In the spring of 1995, the Disney Channel came on campus over a two-day period to film Strating in her Horace Mann classroom. She was one of 60 teachers chosen to be profiled nationwide and was a finalist for the Disney Teacher of the Year award, given each year for outstanding teaching.

The profile will air at 9:50 p.m. Sunday and then again at 6:50 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13.

"It's very exciting for me and the students," Strating said. "The sixth graders (who were fourth graders when the segment was filmed) are really excited that they may be on national TV. They've asked since 1995 when they are going to be on TV, but I think their parents are more excited than the students are." □

Educational programs at SEMO receive awards

The college of education at Southeast Missouri State University has been awarded honorable mention in a competition for the 1997 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Award for Exemplary Practice in Global/International Teacher Education.

Just one other institution finished ahead of Southeast in this competition.

Southeast receives the honorable mention award for the programs offered by the university through its International Education Opportunities Program.

Key components of that program are "Student Teaching in Wales," "Counseling in England," and "The Harrogate Educational Partnership Program" in England.

"We think that we have an exemplary program regarding the international education we've been putting together for 10 years" through the International Education Opportunities Program, said Dr. Deborah Wooldridge, associate dean of the college of education. □

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Upcoming events to entice students

By SHANDY MCBRIDE
STAFF WRITER

With a portion of each student's \$20 activity fee, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) tries to schedule events Missouri Southern students would like to attend.

"It is our responsibility to get it back to the students in a fun or educational way," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities.

Throughout the rest of the semester, CAB will be holding several activities for all Southern students. From 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, the CAB is sponsoring a dance in the Connor Ballroom for all Southern students.

On Monday, there will be an "open mike night" in the cafeteria.

"This is a chance for people to express their opinions," Carlisle said.

“It is our responsibility to get [the activity fee] back to the students in a fun or educational way.”

Val Carlisle

Coordinator of student activities

"This is going to start being a monthly event," said Jason Foster, sophomore general studies major and CAB member. "We are hoping it will catch on."

On Tuesday, in conjunction with KMXL radio, pianist Jim Brickman will visit Southern. Tickets are available in the Billingsly ticket office and Ernie Williamson Music in Joplin and Pittsburg.

On Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m., the CAB will be giving away free cupcakes in the Lions' Den. Also, students with birthdays in November or December can enter a drawing to win prizes.

Students who would like to go shopping in another town but don't have the transportation can take advantage of another CAB-sponsored event. On Saturday, Nov. 23, two vans will head to Tulsa for a shopping trip.

"We want to give students the opportunity to go to a bigger city to go shopping," Carlisle said.

The trip is free, but reservations are necessary. On Dec. 2 and 3, a Muppet Christmas Carol will be shown at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the BSC second-floor lounge.

"We try to have things people can enjoy with their families," Carlisle said.

On Friday, Dec. 6, from 8 p.m. to midnight, the Christmas semi-formal dance will be held in the Connor Ballroom.

Foster plans to act as "CAB Claus" throughout the rest of the semester.

Foster will be asking Joplin businesses to donate various gifts to be given away at lunchtime on Fridays.

"We want to spend the students' money on things we know they will use," he said.

Southern Scene

Friday, Nov. 15:

Dance, BSC Connor Ballroom

Monday, Nov. 18:

Open Mike Night,

BSC Cafeteria

Tuesday, Nov. 19:

Jim Brickman, pianist,

Taylor Performing Arts Center

Saturday, Nov. 23:

Tulsa Shopping Trip

Dec. 2-3:

Muppet Christmas Carol,

BSC 2nd floor lounge

Dec. 6:

Christmas Formal,

BSC Connor Ballroom

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 14

Enrollment begins for students with 60-plus hours

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—

Kolonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

6:30 p.m.—

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

7 p.m.—

•Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room

•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

7:30 p.m.—

Senior piano recital by Karen Cameron, Webster Hall auditorium

Friday 15

Pre-enrollment and orientation for transfer students

7:15 a.m.—

Math Club and Kappa Mu Epsilon meeting, Reynolds Hall, Room 116

Noon—

Psychology Club meeting, Taylor Hall, Room 123

5 p.m.—

Deadline for freshman essay contest, Heames Hall, Room 300

8 p.m. to midnight—

CAB dance, BSC, Connor Ballroom

Saturday 16

1:30 p.m.—

Football game vs. Washburn, Fred G. Hughes Stadium

Sunday 17

6 p.m.—

Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl

7 p.m.—

Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement

•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 18

Pre-enrollment for students with 30-plus hours

•Southern Spirit Store opens, Northpark Mall, Sears Court

•Faculty/staff sale in bookstore

2:15 p.m.—

Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—

Open mic night in the cafeteria sponsored by CAB special events, BSC 2nd floor

7 p.m.—

Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 19

Deadline to sign up for the CAB shopping trip to Tulsa, BSC, Room 112

Noon—

Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313

12:20 p.m.—

College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.—

Kolonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 20

No pre-enrollment

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—

Free birthday cupcakes, BSC, Lion's Den

Noon—

Baptist Student Union free lunch, Baptist Student Union Building

•CAB meeting, lunch will be provided, BSC, Room 310

•Sigma Tau Delta Academics Anonymous, Heames Hall, Room 320

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—

International Student Exchange Program, BSC, Room 310

TRICK SHOT



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Ed Butklevich, food service director, displays his showstopping talent at the CAB bowling night at Carl Richards Fourth Street bowling alley Sunday night.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Live Poets Society focuses on lively banter, discussion

Group confronts issues, writes poetry

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes students just can't get enough of school. When students in the Creative Writing: Poetry class wanted to get together after the usual hours with their instructor, Dr. Joy Dworkin, she didn't argue... and as Frost would say, "...that has made all the difference."

At that time, Dworkin's students' objectives were simple: discussion, some lively banter, and some coffee with a little poetry thrown in. Little did she know that the meeting

would spark a new club. The Live Poets Society is a group of students interested in reading, reciting, performing, writing, and studying contemporary poetry. Dworkin said the creation of the club was a gradual development.

"After a few more group meetings, we decided to become a poetry club focused on contemporary poetry and contemporary poets," she said.

Some popular favorites include the works of Milosz and Szymborska, both of Poland; Patty A. Rogers, Joplin; and Alice Fulton.

Dworkin believes the creation of the group is possibly representative of a change in local business and society, a boost of culture in Joplin.

"The culture in Joplin is definitely growing," she said. "Every gathering of the group brings with it new faces

and insights.

"There is always someone new at the meetings who heard about it through a friend or word of mouth."

Lee Watson, a senior psychology major and member of The Live Poets Society, believes Dworkin's role in the club is instrumental to its existence.

"I just think Joy Dworkin is terrific," she said. "The group is just great."

Watson says the monthly fellowship of poets keeps her involved in reading new poetry and provides an outlet for members with "real writing talent." The informal standards for congregating with The Live Poets Society include bringing copies of a poem (preferably contemporary) the person likes, reading the poem aloud, and discussing the

piece after recitation ends. It is also allowable for new members to just sit, listen, or discuss if they want to.

Missouri Southern alumni and faculty regularly attend the group's sessions and local "Poetry Slams" at the Spiva Center for the Arts, providing the viewpoints of educated and well-read individuals to members.

The Live Poets Society is confronting issues in addition to poetry. Members are planning to seek sponsorship through Southern and possibly split into two groups — the current group and a new one for poets looking to perform, evaluate, and analyze their own work.

The society meets the first Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. at a designated location.

The next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 7.

“I just think Joy Dworkin is terrific. The group is just great.”

Lee Watson

Member,

Live Poets Society



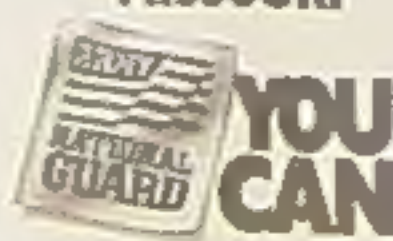
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NURSING DEPARTMENT

Short returns to school after 20 years



By WAUDENNA AGEE
CHART REPORTER

The first time Kim Short, junior nursing major, ever felt old was when she began college classes after being out of school for 20 years.

"Here I was in a class with 18-year-olds, trying to learn what I needed to know to succeed in college," Short said. "I came from an excellent high school, but the courses I learned then did not prepare me for the college of today."

"I have given up TV, movies, all my hobbies, all outside activities, everything but taking care of my family and going to church on Sunday in order to keep up with my schoolwork," she said.

Short originally started attending Missouri Southern as a dental hygiene major.

"I felt like at my age I wanted to get in, get through, and get out," she said. "But once I started learning and realized I could learn, I decided I would rather stay four years and become a nurse."

"I'm a people person," Short added. "I like to be around people, talking to them, helping them, and just getting to know them. I always look for the good in people and really try to get along with everybody."

She credits her husband (Steven Short, DVM) and four children (Jason, 21; Joshua, 19; Jolie, 11; and Jacksie, 8) with being her greatest encouragers.

"I could never make it without the support of my family," she said. "They are the most important thing in my life."

"My husband helped me when I was stuck in my science classes," she said. "It helps to have

a doctor around. My son, Joshua, has helped me through algebra class, and Jolie helps with the housework, cooking, and watching Jacksie. My mother-in-law watches Jacksie for me when I need a babysitter, so I don't have to be sitting at school worrying about her when I should be concentrating on my classes."

Since her children were getting older, Short decided it would be a good time to go back to school.

"Steven realized how important it was to me to go back to school," she said. "He supports me financially and emotionally. He was the one who gave me the courage to start to school again."

Short claims two favorite instructors at Southern: Michael Lawson, assistant professor of biology, and Dan Scheible, instructor of kinesiology.

"They don't pay these guys enough," she said. "They go far beyond what you could expect from a teacher. They are always willing to help when I have a problem, and if they can't help, they tell me where to go for the help I need. The teachers have all been great to work with at Southern."

She believes raising three children as a single mother has been her greatest challenge in life.

"How did I do it?" she questioned herself. "I did it by finding a good job, and doing a good job. I was dependable. I was at work on time every time, and proved my reliability."

"Then I met an educated man," Short said, "who I married, who wanted to help me to reach my goal and dream of getting an education, so that if I was ever again in the position of being single and having to support my children I could do it and do it well." □

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



Rosemary Griffith, 44-year-old freshman accounting major, says college is like a job.

Griffith's life back on track

By MIKE POWELL
CHART REPORTER

Pursuing an accounting degree at age 44 was the last thing on Rosemary Griffith's mind during her life of never-ending struggles.

Griffith, a Missouri Southern freshman, became a widow after her first husband's death in 1980. Within two years, she experienced the tragic loss of her father and seven aunts and uncles. However, when her trials seemed finished, Griffith's house was vandalized, her TVs stolen, and her furniture destroyed by fire on the anniversary of her late husband's death.

"I'm surprised I just made it in life and continued being strong," she said.

Griffith's life was back on track after marriage to her second husband, Bruce. Together they raised Rebecca Griffith, 12, who followed her first two children, Ashlynn and Michael Mitchell.

Griffith worked as an accounting clerk for Con Agra, but her experience was not enough to get her a management position.

"At my last position I could work 62 hours a week and do so much but get paid so little," she said. "It is just a matter of having the degree."

Griffith considers college "like a job." However, she still continues keeping the books for her husband's construction and trucking business.

Twenty years ago, Griffith became interested in the remodeling of 100-year-old homes. She had completed three when she experienced the pain of a back strain due to attempting to lift sheet rock alone. The strain forced Griffith into the hospital.

"The surgery was great; I was dancing within six weeks," she said. "However, my second surgery was very unsuccessful."

Griffith experienced her second back strain by picking up her mother after a seizure, which left her paralyzed in bed for two months. Her subsequent "poor" surgery led to her being considered handicapped. Griffith is not able to carry anything greater than 16 pounds.

"When you think about it, there is not much less than 16 pounds," she said. "That is why I pull around a two-wheel cart carrying my books and supplies."

In her spare time Griffith likes to cross-stitch, work on crafts, and talk to her son, who attends the University of Missouri-Rolla, through E-mail. □

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Sweet finds his answers

By NATASHA ANTHONY
CHART REPORTER

People are responsible for their own state of mind, for their own happiness or sadness, says Mark Sweet, senior English major. He believes the answer is inside, not in other people, church, or in drugs.

He tries not to worry, as he considers it a waste of energy.

"I have my share of problems. I just try to figure out what I can do to help, try to do it, then I let it go."

Over the years in raising his two children, Sweet found how tough it must have been to raise six children as his father did.

"I appreciate it now, but I was in the middle of it before so I didn't appreciate it then," he said.

Through the process of being married and divorced, Sweet has found out more about himself.

"I have grown a lot," he says. "I found freedom to discover what I am about."

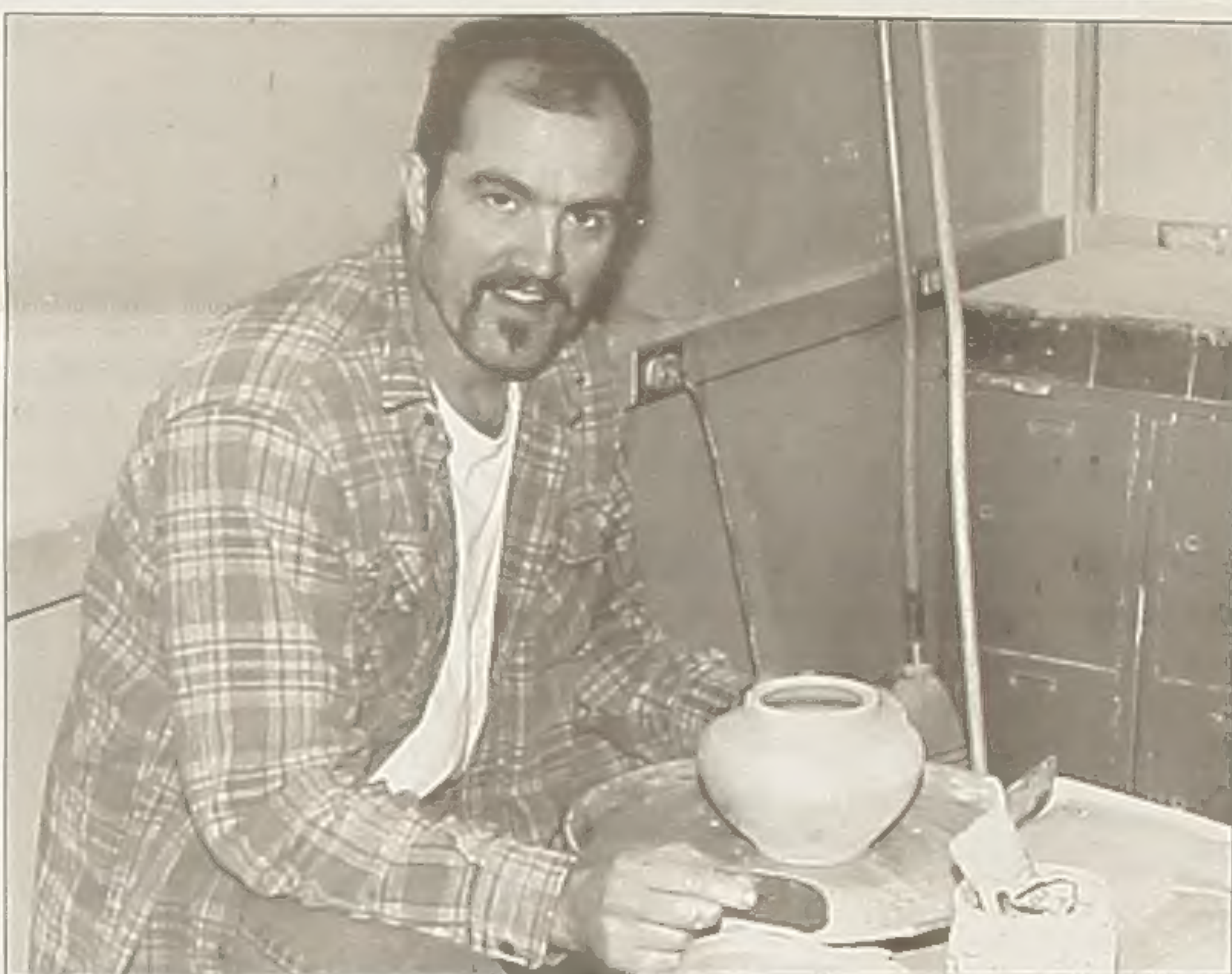
Sweet found an interest in theatre seven years ago. He recently performed in the Southern Theatre production of *Oleanna*. When he was younger, he was "terrified" of being in front of others.

"I would faint or black out just reading a paper in class or playing a piano recital in front of others," he said.

He came to Missouri Southern in 1972 because he had a four-year president's scholarship. He has attended the College off and on for 24 years.

"I don't plan to graduate," he said, laughing. "I just take interesting classes now."

Sweet eventually would like to earn a doctorate in international studies or comparative literature with a proficiency in three languages. So far, he has two years of



Mark Sweet, senior English major, has attended Missouri Southern off and on for 24 years, and doesn't plan on graduating.

Russian and one year of Chinese.

Sweet, a general contractor, does some residential and light commercial building. He started building in 1978 as means of surviving.

He remodels restaurants and houses. He has a hand in both designing and building. He mostly designs solar-powered and shelter energy-efficient homes.

Sweet plans to travel when his children are out of college. When he was a child, he used to travel all over the United States

with his family. He says he would love to travel extensively. He has a great interest in architecture because it reflects culture.

"When I do travel, I'll have the basic knowledge of the language which helps learn about the culture."

Archeology and anthropology intrigue Sweet. He also has a fascination with culture.

He has a 100-year-old rug that has a Native American and/or African influence in the design. He says there is no definite

influence.

The last rug his grandmother was working on hangs in his wall. She made rugs by using the steel rim from a four-foot wagon wheel. The rug is in its original condition on the steel rim.

"Although it's not finished, I consider it true American art," Sweet said.

Sweet values the experience and presence of nature. He believes people don't have the same reverence of nature as they used to. □

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

College a family affair for Bartholet, mother of 3

By RHONDA CLARK
CHART REPORTER

Being a non-traditional student at Missouri Southern has had a special twist for Theresa Bartholet, junior education major. After all, not every student has had a spouse as an academic adviser.

"Having a husband who is an instructor at Southern has its pluses," Bartholet said. "He knows how to deal with my problems, especially helping to transfer transcripts."

She moved to Joplin in 1987 when her husband, Francis Bartholet, assistant professor of computer aided drafting and design, was hired by the College.

After taking time out to "develop" her family, Bartholet went back to

college part-time in 1990.

"I had three semesters of general education courses from the University of Minnesota and a certificate of completion in accounting from St. Paul Vocational Technical School," she said. "But I felt that the job opportunities for women in southwest Missouri were limited."

With her three children older, Bartholet made the decision to become a full-time student in January 1996. She chose Southern not only because her husband is an instructor here, but also for its accredited education program.

Life on campus is a true family affair for Bartholet. Not only does she find time to see her husband, but her youngest daughter, Cecilia (Cici), also attends Southern.

"Cici (age 3) goes with me every-

day and stays at the Child Development Center," Bartholet said. "She gets really excited about it. She feels that she is going to school just like mom."

Bartholet's return to education has been a positive experience for her other two daughters, Elizabeth, 10, and Rochelle, 6, as well.

"They have a better understanding of what education is and the value of education," she said.

"They see that homework needs to be done."

In addition to being a full-time wife and mother and taking 16 hours at Southern, Bartholet also holds down two part-time jobs. She serves as coordinator of religious education at St. Mary's Catholic Church for grades preschool through eight. Every weekday afternoon, Bar-

tholet is the "mob control" officer when she supervises children in St. Mary's Elementary's after-school care program. She credits Dr. F. Wayne Adams, associate professor of biology, with making her desire to succeed at Southern strong.

"If you have a problem, he explains it until you understand," Bartholet said. "He teaches students how to relate to things with everyday emphasis."

Even though Bartholet has not yet received her teaching degree, her sights are on the future.

"One needs to always continue their education," she said. "Because our daughter Rochelle is deaf, I plan to pursue a sign language certificate after graduation. I hope to open the public's eyes to the problems of the deaf." □



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Nov. 21—Gary Smalley

SUZUKI RECITAL

Concert attracts shoppers

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

An ever-moving crowd of spectators attended the Suzuki Violin Academy's Northpark Mall performance at 1 p.m. Saturday in the court area in front of Famous Barr. A medley of age groups gathered for the performance.

They sat, stood, and strolled past quietly, listening to the solo and group performances.

Some sat on the benches that were provided, while others made a place for themselves on the floor.

Dr. Kexi Liu, director of the Suzuki Violin Academy, voiced his appreciation to Northpark Mall officials.

"They (Northpark Mall management) have been very cooperative and allow us to perform every year," Liu said. "They provide the stage and the PA (public address) system."

Each of the 44 performers played from memory, which is part of the Suzuki method. The



KEXI LIU/Special to The Chart

Students from Dr. Kexi Liu's Suzuki Violin Academy performed live at Northpark Mall's Famous Barr court on Saturday, Nov. 9.

youngest performer was Jordan Flack, 4, and the oldest was Beth Higginson, a high school senior from Joplin.

There were no Missouri Southern students performing in the concert.

The youngest student, 2-year-old Zachary Smith, was in attendance at the concert with his small violin.

However, he refused to join his group on stage. His mother and Liu said it was because he was not with children his own age and

that he was uncomfortable in front of the crowd.

Each of the four groups that performed had a group leader. Higginson, Christy Stubblefield, and Suzannah Dolanc were chosen as group leaders in addition to Liu, who said they were selected depending on their understanding of the piece, their playing or performing level, and their ability to be a leader.

The next performance will be two recitals at 2 p.m. Dec. 8 in Webster Hall auditorium. □

SENIOR RECITAL



ELIZABETH LOVLAND/Special to The Chart

Karen Cameron, senior music education major, prepares for her senior recital. She performs tonight at 7:30 in Webster auditorium.

Cameron to perform Chopin, Liszt tonight

A variety of selections from some of the world's storied pianists will highlight Karen Cameron's senior piano recital.

Cameron, a senior music education major, will perform pieces from Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven, and Ginastera, at her recital at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Webster Hall auditorium. A reception will follow in Phinney Hall after the performance.

Cameron, a South Greenfield, Mo., native, said she thinks she has received the best education possible

at Missouri Southern.

"I have had three piano teachers since I have been here," she said. "So, I have had a lot of variety. I have had a lot of different views on teaching music."

Cameron, who will be student teaching this spring, said she is looking forward to the challenges next semester will offer.

"I hope to get with somebody who has lots of experience," she said. "That way I could even learn more from them." □

COLEMAN THEATRE

Benefit concert to honor brother, sister rockers

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 20, 1977, members of the rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd were in an airplane heading to their next concert site. Lead guitarist Steve Gaines and his sister, Cassie, a backup singer, were seated next to each other when their plane went down near McComb, Miss. They, along

with lead singer, Ronnie Van Zant, were killed in the crash.

The brother and sister duo from Miami, Okla., are being honored by their hometown as local artist Nick Calcagno begins work on a granite memorial that will be placed in the Garden Club Park near the Neosho River.

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THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Winter play set in child's room

Director hopes
to bring out magic
to child audience

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

A little girl's playroom sets the scene for a Christmas play that will try to spread the magic of the holiday to hundreds of children from the area.

Dorothy Holloway's play *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* is based on the original story by Hans Christian Andersen about a group of toys that come to life.

Lovely Lysa the Paper Lady is played by senior music education major Elizabeth Lovland.

"Mary, the girl we belong to, gets tired of us," Lovland explained. "She wants something that goes, like a puppy or a train."

When Mary receives a whole army of tin soldiers that can march and make noise, she decides to get rid of all her old toys, which causes upheaval in the playroom.

Doug Roush, a former Missouri Southern student, is playing the role of the one-armed tin soldier who falls in love with Lovland's

character as the play progresses.

Their romance is threatened by the jack-in-the-box, played by senior theater major Brandon Davidson, who is also in love with the Paper Lady.

Tabitha Davison, a 1996 Southern graduate, is the play's director.

Davison, who directed *Fourposter* for the department last year, said she is pleased with the cast and the material.

"This cast is fantastic," she said. "They are all so talented and willing that things have been going wonderfully so far."

The cast will perform the play the week of Dec. 2 — once on Monday and twice a day Tuesday through Friday for children from the area.

Schools will be busing in more than 7,000 students to see the play, according to the theatre department.

"To me, the play is a magical idea," Davison said. "I hope we can bring that magic to the kids."

"It's a really great thing to be a part of," Lovland said, "and it's a fun thing to do for the kids. I think they will really enjoy it."

Viewing of the play will be open to the public at 2:30 matinees on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, in Taylor Performing Arts Center. □

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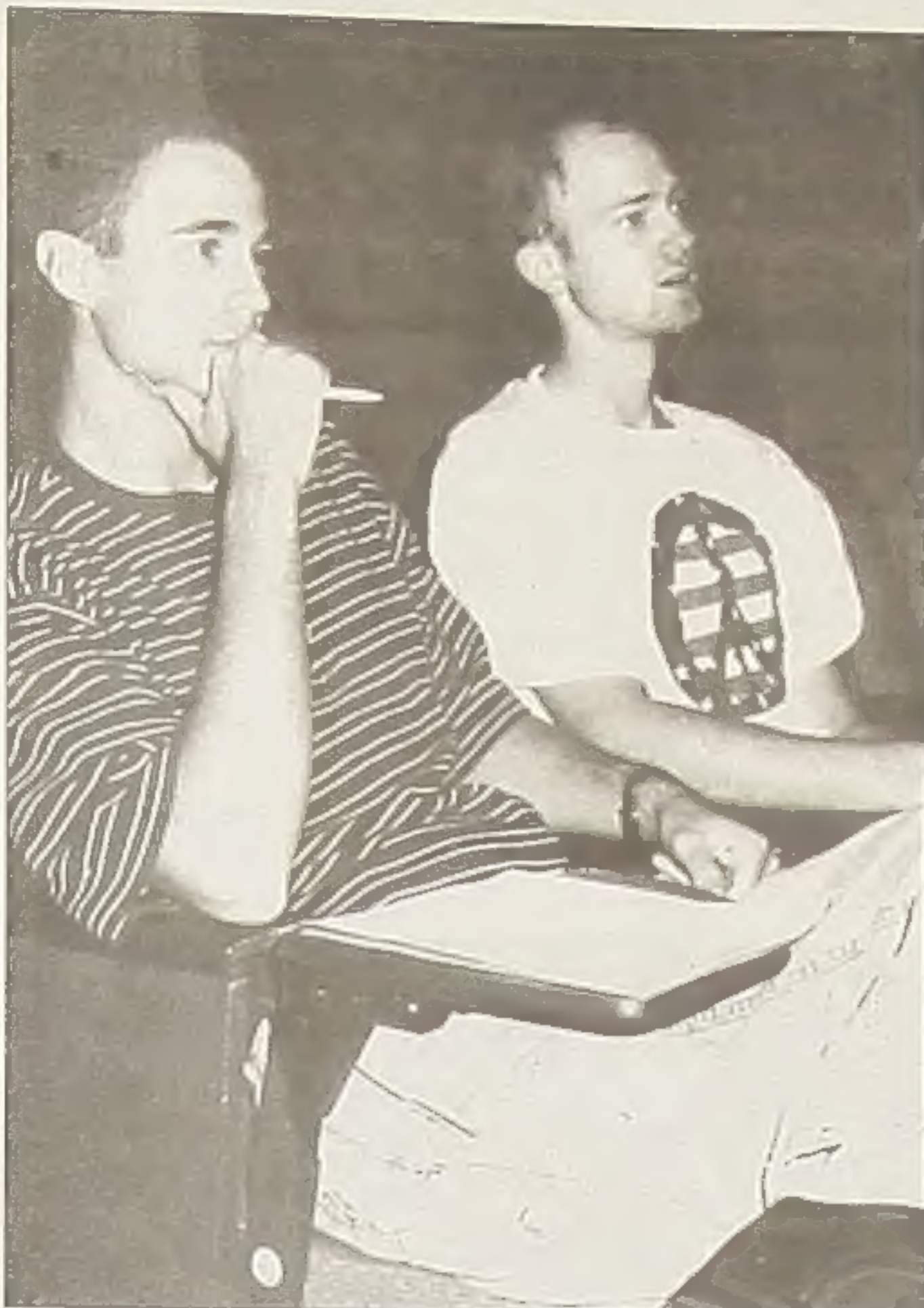
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Ryan Barrett, sophomore biology major (left), and Kris Graves, junior general studies major, listen attentively to handwriting analyst Terry Davenport Thursday in the Matthews Hall auditorium. The lecture was sponsored by CAB.

STATES: Area colleges receive benefits for excellence

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"We have KU in Lawrence, which is a major source of research," he said.

"We also have Wichita State, a metropolitan institution that has an engineering school, an aviation program, and a research center."

He said what sets Kansas State University (KSU) apart from other institutions is the areas of pharmaceutical and social research.

"Other major areas of emphasis at KSU are engineering and agricultural schools."

The average cost of tuition and required fees for a Kansas resident attending a four-year institution full-time is \$936, compared to \$2,800 for an out-of-state student.

Hauk said the mission of the Kansas Board of Regents is to help individuals increase their intellectual, social, personal, and moral potentials. Kansas institutions are intended to prepare students for productive activity and provide them with the necessary tools that they may utilize throughout their lifetime.

Oklahoma supports 53 public institutions that receive state appropriation as well as "revolving funds," consisting of tuition and fees, federal and local funding, and various gifts and grants. According to Laura Callahan, assistant director of communication for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma universities maintain the fourth-lowest cost of tuition and fees in the nation. This factor is based on a full-time student within the state.

An Oklahoma resident planning to attend full-time at a four-year institution could expect to pay tuition and fees based on the "multi-year tuition plan," which requires the students to pay one dollar for every two dollars paid by taxpayers.

"In 1996-97, students pay 25.4 percent, and taxpayers pick up 74.6 percent," Callahan said. "Students across the nation will pay an average of 35 percent of college costs."

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Ed Crow

Senior associate director for research and planning,
Arkansas Board of Higher Education

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There are 13 colleges and universities throughout the state, all receiving funds allocated by the State Regents. Oklahoma also shares a common goal to provide easy access to education through technology for those who may not be located near an institution.

"People can now receive quality education through televised courses and programs using OneNet," Callahan said.

"It is the state's information and telecommunications network."

She said OneNet will link to 3,000 user sites, which include public schools, vocational-technical schools, courts, libraries, and government agencies as well as other colleges and universities.

"This program will also help students prepare for college, enroll in courses best for them, and will also help with job placement," she said. Although Arkansas ranks 49th on the education scale when it comes to the number of adults having a four-year degree, it has been working diligently to broaden the educational access.

"We've gone from 38 percent in the mid-90s," said Ed Crow, senior

associate director for research and planning at the Arkansas Board of Higher Education. "It is a phenomenal achievement for a relatively under-educated state."

Crow said the number of public institutions in the state has increased to 33 since 1990.

"We've added 10 technical colleges, so now 99.5 percent of the population in the state is within a 40-minute range of a public college or university."

Crow said Arkansas is the second state to adopt a budget reforming plan.

"It is modeled on the quality management concept and based on performance," he said.

"We benchmark the institutions against themselves and reward those who are doing better than they're supposed to."

The average tuition cost for an out-of-state student attending a four-year institution full-time is \$6,040.

An Arkansas resident would pay only \$2,518. One of several educational objectives is "to discover, create, transmit, and apply knowledge to address the needs of individuals and society, especially those of the people in this state." □

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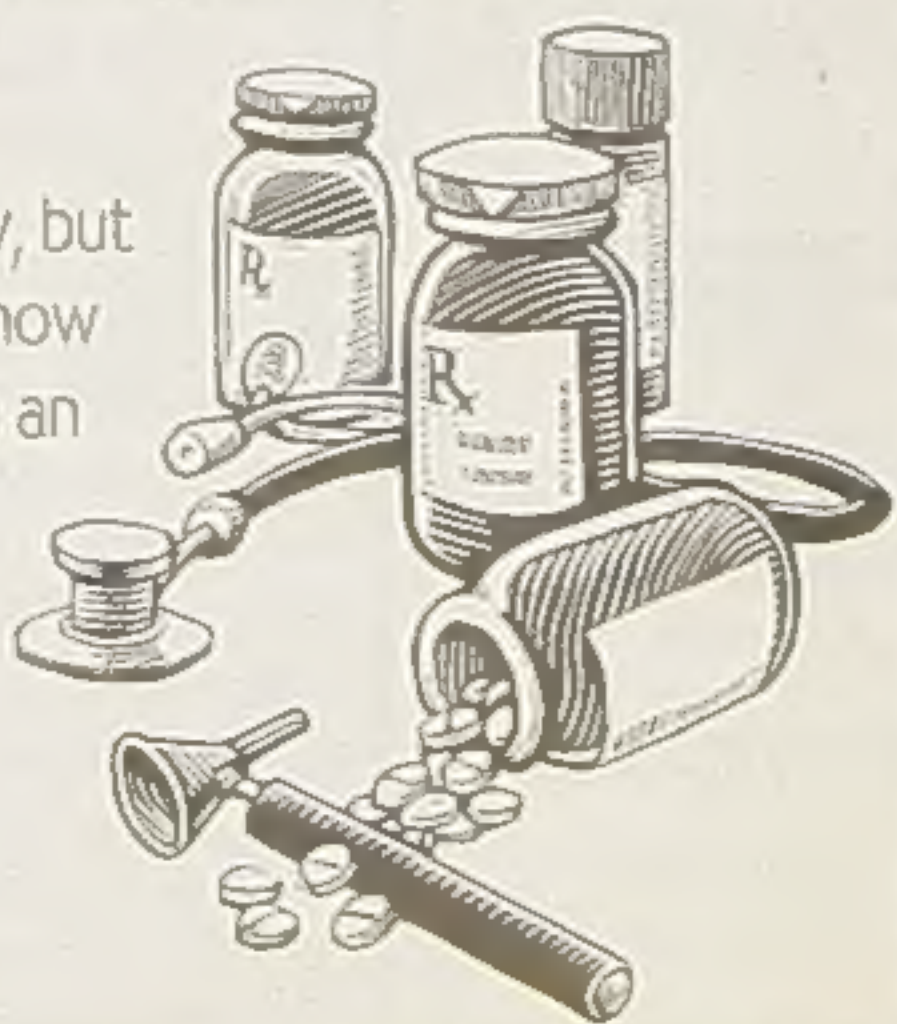


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Jasper County accepting credit cards for taxes

Personal-property and real-estate tax statements have been mailed to Jasper County taxpayers, and this year it may be easier to pay for them. The county collector's office is now accepting payments on certain credit cards.

According to county collector Stephen Holt, only Discover, Novus credit cards, including their Bravo and Private Issue cards will be accepted. He said he hopes to add Visa and Master Card next year. A transaction fee will be added for taxpayers charging taxes to their credit card accounts. Holt said the fees will be remitted to the credit card company at the end of each month, and that neither the collector nor the county will receive any portion of the fees.

The fees are \$3 for tax statements up to \$200; \$4 for statements between \$200.01 and \$500; \$9 for statements between \$500.01 and \$1,000; \$16 for statements between \$1,000.01 and \$2,000; and \$25 for statements above \$2,000.

Taxes are due upon receipt and become delinquent Jan. 1. Taxes may be paid in person at either of the collector's offices, in Carthage or Joplin, or by mail. □

Christmas workshops slated for area cities

Two Christmas workshops will be held at Powers Museum in Carthage. A folded star workshop is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The workshop will focus on 18th century decorations originally called German or Moravian Stars, which later were revived in the 1930s and 1940s.

Paper and ribbon versions of the stars will be taught by Gary Hansford. The fee is \$7.50 and registration deadline is Saturday.

The seventh annual historic ornament workshop is set for Saturday, Nov. 23. The first session will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and a second session is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m.

This year's class, taught by Michele Hansford, will focus on cornucopia-style ornaments.

Several versions from the 1880s to 1930s will be taught. The fee is \$10 and the registration deadline is Saturday. People may call (417) 358-2667 to register and receive pre-class instructions.

A children's workshop on "Holiday Cultural Diversity" will be offered on Saturday, Nov. 16 and 23 at the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts, 222 W. Third St. The workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for students in second through fifth grades. Carlo McReynolds will be the instructor. The hands-on workshop will feature a creative study of festive celebrations and the decorative arts of the holiday season from Australia and Czechoslovakia.

The fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. For details or to register, call 623-0183. □

JEMS, Webb City work for emergency union

A partnership between Joplin Emergency Medical Services and Webb City's ambulance service could improve the level of emergency care offered by Webb City and ease the dispatching chores for Jasper County enhanced 911. The Webb City City Council approved a contract that would allow the city's service to be affiliated with JEMS, which is owned by Freeman Hospitals and Health System and St. John's Regional Medical Center. The agreement, which must be approved by St. John's and Freeman, could be completed next month. The affiliation will help avoid disputes over service territories. The 16 firefighters who man the ambulances as emergency medical technicians and paramedics will continue to be city employees. Webb City's two ambulances will still be owned by the city. Medical control will be through the affiliation. □

CRIME

Bank card causes nightmare for student

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

Many local banks are touting a new bank card that is "easier than writing a check." You present your card to pay for purchases, and the money comes right out of your checking account.

On Oct. 28, Juli Book, a freshman sociology major, needed some items from Wal-Mart.

Because her checking account is in Jefferson City, she used her bank card to pay for the merchandise.

"A lot of businesses don't like to take out-of-town checks, so I have to use my card," she said.

Then her nightmare began.

"On Nov. 2, I called the bank to help me balance my checkbook; they have a 24-hour hotline number you can call for help," Book said.

"I found out that a whole bunch of money was missing, so I called the bank."

An employee told her that \$400 in charges had been taken from her account.

"I asked where the charges were coming from. I hadn't made them," she said.

The charges included \$300 to Wal-Mart, \$50 to Hastings, and \$75 to a local flower shop for a floral arrangement.

"I still had my card, and I don't spend hundreds of dollars at Wal-Mart," Book said.

"I asked the bank to credit my

account because these were not my charges."

Since Book did not notify the bank within a 24-hour period, she is responsible for paying the bills.

"I didn't know within a 24-hour period, so now I'm liable for all charges to my account before Nov. 2 up to \$500," she said. "The person either used my number or made up a fake card."

Book reported the incident to the Joplin Police Department and has spoken to an attorney about bringing legal action against the bank and the businesses involved.

"They didn't require any identification," Book said.

"There is a Missouri state law that requires businesses to see identification when a person uses

their credit card to prevent theft and fraud."

Book said she's never been asked to show any identification when she uses her card.

"I've used it everywhere in Joplin, and no one has ever asked to see my driver's license," she said. "That's why my lawyer feels that we should prosecute."

"They went against the law when they allowed these people to use the card without seeing a driver's license."

Fortunately, a relative stepped forward and gave Book the money she lost.

"It helps, but I want to get what was taken from me and find out who did this," she said. □

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Juli Book
Freshman, sociology major

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CHRISTMAS

Season cheer gets earlier each year

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the Joplin area, signs of the Christmas season can be seen popping up in stores and buildings. A stroll through the Northpark Mall will reveal the seasonal spirit in the many decorations. Giant wreaths sparkling with red and gold hang from the high ceilings, glittering lights swing above the heads of the shoppers, and tinsel, lights, and Christmas merchandise adorn the shops. Popular carols can be heard softly playing in the background over the mall speaker system.

Merchandise stands have settled themselves in for the holiday shopping season in the Northpark Mall. Many of these stands, which are small divisions of larger stores called kiosks, have been doing business since Nov. 1.

Danny Paxton, area manager of Geppetto's kiosk, said he had spoken to people who were already finishing up their Christmas shopping.

There is even an entire store dedicated to Christmas. In its windows, a shopper can see tall red and gold pine trees, angels, and Santa Claus. The store, appropriately called "The Christmas Shoppe," appeared Oct. 15 and will stay until Jan. 15.

"The demand [for Christmas] is already there, especially after Halloween," said Marii Thompson, Christmas Shoppe manager.

Another store in the mall, Kirkland's, has had Christmas stock even earlier. The store observed a poll that said women would buy for Christmas all year if given the opportunity and started selling Christmas merchandise in July. The holiday items are usually kept until the middle of January, when they sell out.

Tree ornaments were available at Lynn's Hallmark in June. All other Christmas commodities were put out approximately two weeks ago and people are buying them, according to Beth Rainwater, sales associate.

Department stores such as Famous Barr and JC Penney waited until last week to begin putting out their seasonal decorations.

Miniature trees are dispersed throughout the store and



Trea Greer, 21 months, admires the decorations on a Christmas tree in Lynn's Hallmark in the Northpark Mall. Area businesses have already begun putting up decorations for the coming season, even though Thanksgiving is near.

shiny foil paper garnishes shopping areas filled with Christmas wares.

Jo Greenlee, JC Penney fine jewelry manager, said decorations and holiday products usually come out at this time and that the sales have been about the same as this time last year.

Famous Barr began putting up red, gold, and green banners declaring "Celebrate the Season" and other festive ornaments in the last two weeks.

"If you put it [the decorations] up any later, it wouldn't seem like Christmas," said Elise Jordan, Famous Barr

petites and women's area sales manager.

Thompson said the early Christmas shopping season eliminates last-minute shopping hassle.

"I do it [shop early] for the fact that it's easier on me," she said.

Not everyone shares this sentiment.

Paxton called the Christmas hype "ridiculous."

"Thanksgiving has been totally forgotten because of

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COMMUNITY CLUB

Career group offers residents support, information on jobs

By AARON DESLATTÉ
STAFF WRITER

Joplin-area job seekers may have a new tool in locating local employment.

Career Seekers, a non-profit support group for job hunters, held its first meeting Monday at the Joplin Public Library, and future meetings for the group have been scheduled.

Terri Heeter, the founder of Career Seekers, says the group will

serve more than one purpose. Helping others with their job-hunting skills is the main function, while sharing employment information and providing moral support will also be a goal.

"There are a lot of people in the Joplin area looking for jobs who don't know how to fill out applications or write résumés, and that is what this group is for," Heeter said. "We [job seekers] need to form contacts. I may know something you need to know, or you may

know something I need to know."

Heeter says the idea to form the group came about after helping a friend locate employment.

"There was a girl at work who graduated from Missouri Southern about five years ago," she said.

"And I would help her with her résumés and hear about jobs she might be interested in. She would hear about jobs I would be interested in, too."

Heeter says her passion for helping others in the group stems from

the difficulties of locating employment, which she has experienced firsthand.

"I'm a 1995 graduate of Southern, and I'm still working at my old job," she said. "There are several of us looking for jobs where I work because none of us like the jobs we have."

The meetings are free of charge and open to the public.

While the group's first meeting was hailed as a success, it dealt primarily with writing résumés.

Heeter says future meetings will tackle such issues as the emotional stress often associated with searching for employment.

"There's nothing more depressing than looking for a job and getting turned down," she said.

Career Seekers' next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Joplin Public Library conference room.

For more information on group meetings, persons may contact Heeter at 781-6706. □

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Test Tue., Nov. 26, 1996 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 210

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in December, 1996; May, 1997; or July, 1997 who have not taken U.S. Gov't. or State and Local Gov't. in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before November 14 to sign up to take the test.

Please note: Students taking this test must pay a \$ 5.00 fee to the Business Office H-210 prior to taking the test; and present your receipt to the instructor when you go to the test room.

STUDENTS: Some find course less difficult

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being less demanding.

"I was told at Fresh Start to take it there, so that's where I'm going to take it," she said.

Abel Stewart, senior music education major, said he is taking the course this semester, but isn't finding it as strenuous as most students claim.

"It's not that difficult," he said. "I have a good teacher."

Stewart said the mathematics portion of the course is the most difficult.

According to Traci Lyons, senior environmental health major, it is a difficult course, but she finds it interesting.

"It's hard to grasp, but I think the reason I liked it is because I liked the teacher I had," she said. "I can

understand why it's a core requirement because the way it makes you think on a different level than you do in your other classes."

Lyons said the instructor she took for physical science emphasized learning the concept of the course.

"There's a big difference between understanding physics and being able to do mathematical calculations," Lyons said.

Scott Hall, senior graphic communications major, said he has never had, nor does he ever desire, to enroll in Fundamentals of Physical Science.

"I don't want to take it," he said. "I've never had a physics course any kind."

Hall said although he has no desire for the course, he does think having it listed among the

core requirements is justified.

"It will help to make for a better-rounded person," he said.

Candi Butts, senior criminal justice major, said she is presently taking a physical science course.

"It's not too bad; I have Dr. [John] Summerfield," she said. "He had a pretty good reputation, so that's why I took him."

Butts said, however, that physical science is a dreaded course at Missouri Southern.

"Most students are procrastinators so they put the worst to the last," she said.

Butts said she disagreed with having the course as a core requirement.

"I don't think it should be required," she said. "Maybe in a related field, but I don't think it should be for criminal justice." □

CROWDER: Students head south for credit

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Schade said Southern students who take physical science at Crowder do so for convenience.

"Either it is closer for them to come to Crowder, or if they can't fit it in their schedules at Southern they can come here," he said.

The major difference between the courses at Southern and Crowder is that a laboratory is required at the community college. Southern cut the lab section in its course in the 1970s due to an increase in enrollment and the cost of providing a lab for so many students.

Baiamonte said Southern's course is feared because of the emphasis on mathematics.

"They [Crowder] tend not to put the mathematics in their course; they teach it as a descriptive course. Here, we put mathematics into it and think it should be a thinking-type course," Baiamonte said.

"If you want to learn definitions and not know how to use them, go there."

If you want to be able to apply those definitions, you have to do some numerical calculations. We believe students should be able to apply it."

Several four-year schools in Missouri, including Truman State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Missouri Western State College, and Central Missouri State College, do not require a physical science course.

They do, however, require six to eight hours of science in two of the following disciplines: biology, chemistry, physical science, and earth science.

For Laura Gonzalez, sophomore elementary education, taking physical science at Crowder has become a real possibility.

"I have been putting off physical science for three semesters," she said.

They [Crowder] tend not to put the mathematics into their course; they teach it as a descriptive course.

Dr. Vernon Baiamonte
Head, physical sciences department

"I have to get it over with and three or four of us are talking about taking it at Crowder this summer."

"I have heard it is easier there, and if I could make a good grade it would definitely be worth it." □

THIS IS FOREVER



JOHN SMITH/The Chart
Southern graduate Terrance Slisson proposed to sophomore Denise Beckley Saturday during halftime of the Lions football game.

STUDENT SENATE

E-mail address available

With no new business and no old business, Wednesday's Student Senate meeting was fast-paced and to the point.

With a deduction of \$200 for printing costs, the treasury balance now totals \$6,171. Barring a two-thirds vote to allocate funds next week, that balance will transfer next semester.

Kim Jones, senior senator, reported that the traffic appeals committee granted six full and two partial traffic appeals at its last meeting.

Jones also mentioned possibly talking to faculty and staff about being more considerate of students when parking in student-designated spots. Jones also brought up the possibility of opening several of the stadium's handicap spots during the daytime.

Gary Crites, junior senator, reported on the progress of possible funding for Spiva Library.

Anyone having requests or comments for the Student Senate can send E-mail to senate@vm.mssc.edu. □

PHYSICS: Mathematics key for apprehension

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The earlier physical science classes consisted of four days of lectures and one day of laboratory work, which was eventually removed due to cost.

"A lab will only hold 15 students, and the average class is 35 to 40 students, so there would have to be two labs, which would mean the equipment would be used faster and supplies would be used quick-

er, too," Phillips said. "The education majors do have a lab. They will need the practical experience because they will be doing labs in their classrooms."

Baiamonte said students' apprehension of the course stems from the mathematical emphasis associated with sciences.

"Students tear the math so they put it off as long as possible," he said.

"If students would take physical

science the semester after their math course, it would be easier for them."

Phillips said the course seems especially difficult for seniors.

"I see a lot of seniors in my class," he said.

"We use the mathematics in the beginning of the course to help get students back into the groove, especially with the seniors who haven't done any of that for four years." □



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- major
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Submissions should be turned in to Dr. Joy Dworkin in the English department, Hearnest Hall, Room 300.

Early submissions are greatly welcomed. Final deadline is February 1.

Nuts & Bolts

Some tips for a friend

A friend of my husband is graduating this semester from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Ian is already employed at the company for which he did an internship last summer, and with his technical writing degree, is looking forward to making gobs more money than I will when I graduate with my journalism —

excuse me, excuse me, excuse me.

—degree

The good thing about this is that Ian is a car enthusiast. If he's willing to spend some of that hard-earned dough on a car, I'm going to be right there with a few suggestions.

•Car No. 1: Dodge Viper RT/10.

I had the opportunity to drive one this summer and I was duly awed. Not only do they have lots of power and torque, but they also are easy to drive. Used 1993 models are priced in the low 40s in *Hemmings Motor News*. The Viper GTS coupe is also a good bet, although just a bit expensive right now.

•Car No. 2: Acura NSX. The car has sleek and elegant styling, like a fighter jet for the street. I would recommend the NSX on looks alone. However, the car adds to those looks with excellent handling and high technology.

•Car No. 3: 1996 Mazda RX-7.

OK, so the 1996 models are just renamed 1995 models, but they're still awesome. Ian has a tired, very tired 1988 RX-7, and he liked it until its Wankel rotary engine ate a seal in a bad part in St. Louis as the sun was going down. Since he lived through the experience, he may want to buy another RX-7, but how ironic that Mazda should decide to stop importing them just before Ian is financially able to buy a new one.

•Car No. 4: Porsche 911 Turbo.

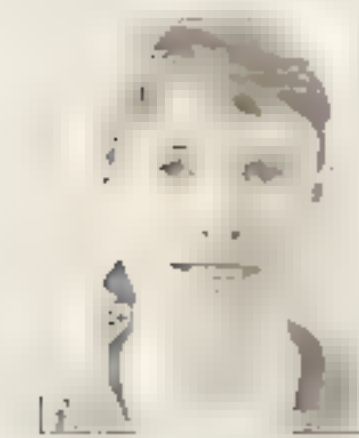
Although it takes a lot of financial horsepower to buy a new Turbo, used ones are available for less than a new Boxster. The new Turbo reportedly has its handling more sorted out than previous ones, but we po' folks take what we can get. I'd definitely take one, but there are different classes of po', and I just happen to be wrecked-and-rebuilt Miata po'.

•Car No. 5: GMC Syclone. Car No. 5 is actually a truck, but when it goes from 0-60 in 5.1 seconds, who cares? As a part-owner (along with my husband and the bank) of one of these fine vehicles, I can personally attest to how much fun these trucks are.

They don't attract as much attention as the previous vehicles, because only true car enthusiasts have heard about them.

I'm surprised I haven't gotten into trouble with ours, because every time I drive it, I can't resist the urge to punch it at least once. Once that happens, hold the pedal down and very illegal speeds are yours within seconds. Heehee!

I certainly hope Ian appreciates these suggestions. Should he decide to take my advice on buying any of the preceding vehicles, I remain ever willing to drive any of them. ☐



Leslie Roberts
Associate Editor

AUTOMOTIVE SPOTLIGHT

Stribling's trademark: Quality rebuilds

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

What piles around the Joplin area provide a sort of playground that is great for dune-buggy enthusiasts, and a former Joplin High School teacher has been supplementing his income by helping those enthusiasts enjoy the chats.

Charles Stribling, a high school business instructor, founded a small foreign auto-parts business in 1973 with the help of one of his students. At the time, Stribling's hobby was restoring Mustang convertibles, but he thought the Volkswagen convertibles were sharp, sporty cars also.

"You'll see a really sharp red convertible, and usually the problem with it was the engine was locked up," he said. "People don't keep the oil changed."

"It gets the crankshaft and the rods. They'll drive it until a rod flips and locks up. Well, then, you've got a major problem."

In the early 1970s, the only way to get a Volkswagen serviced or repaired was to take it to a franchise dealer. That was cost ineffective for most drivers, so when the engines seized, the cars usually ended up in a junkyard.

"I could buy one for a couple hundred dollars," Stribling said.

The parents of one of Stribling's students owned a 1965 VW bus.

"He was a Volkswagen maniac," Stribling said. "He was hooked on Volkswagens."

"Anyway, we got this old Volkswagen convertible, and the engine was locked up in it. So I told him, if he wanted to come and help work on it, I couldn't pay him much money," so he did.

Stribling explained that this was all taking place during the Midwest oil embargo.

"People thought the price of gasoline was going to go up to five dollars a gallon. If you could get it at all," he said. "They were believing the oil companies."

The old Volkswagen carburetor engines would not meet the new federal fuel emission standards that had been passed in this country. So the Germans saw the handwriting on the wall. They were going to lose the U.S. Beetle market. The only way they could save the market was to make it fuel-injected.

The Volkswagen company made a deal to set up production of Volkswagens and after-market parts in Brazil. It also made a deal to have most of the cars assembled in Mexico. That made after-market parts more available.

"So then you didn't have to go down to the dealer for parts," Stribling said.

He started buying parts from a small warehouse that two men opened in California.

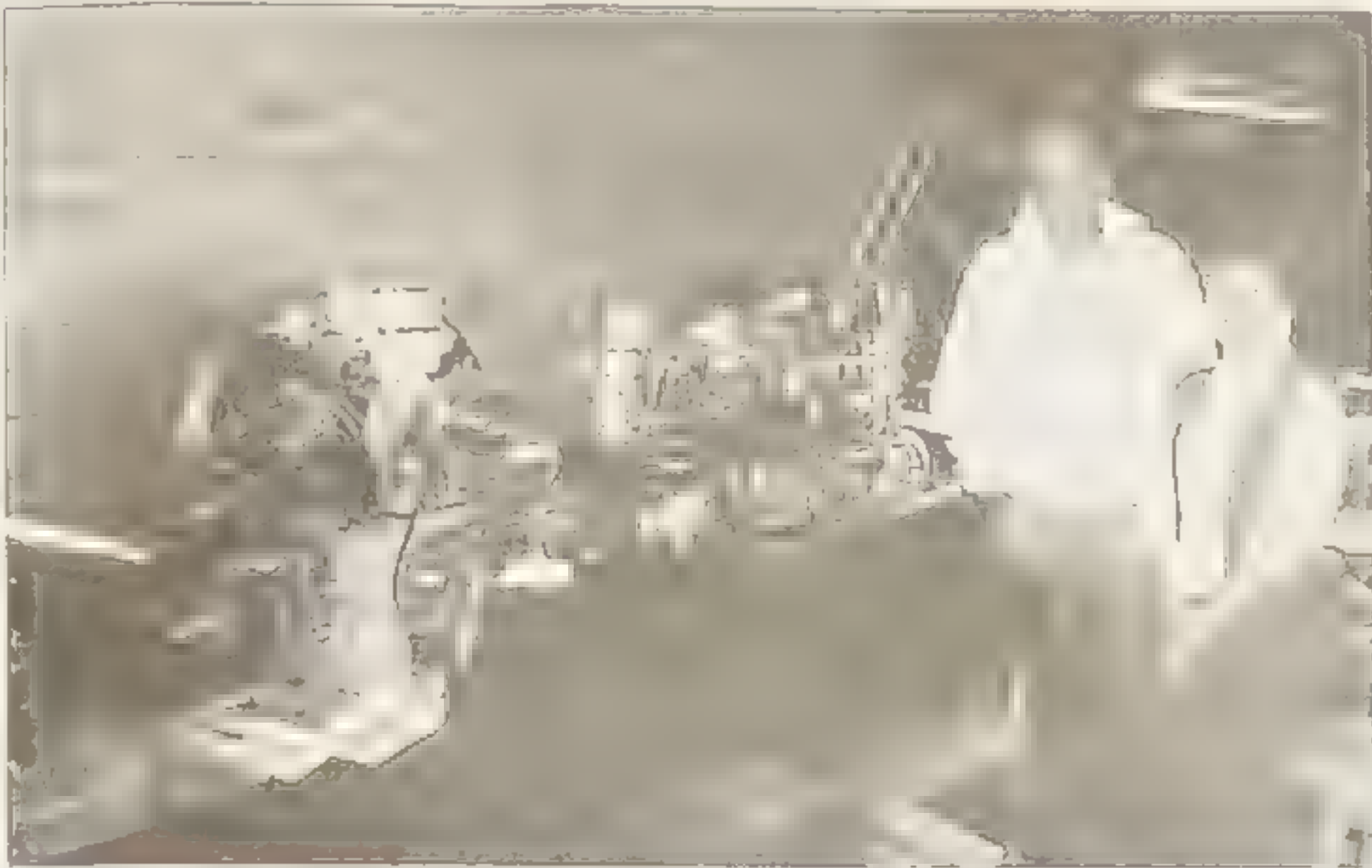
"Today, that's a multi-million-dollar corporation," Stribling said. "So we started advertising and selling parts."

Stribling ran into some problems when he first opened his business, which is operated out of his home garage at 2815 Jackson.

"The dealer tried to put us out of business," he said. "He would sit over there, on that lot [across the street from Stribling's house], and he tried to get us shut down because this is a semi-residential neighborhood."

"So I got a lawyer," Stribling said. "I said, 'Well, it's still a free country; other people are doing things I'm just going to see what happens. See if they'll put me in jail. I'm going to jail before I shut down.'"

Stribling didn't go to jail or shut down his business. He and his wife, Sharon, who handles the



Charles and Sharon Stribling stand in their home garage beside two Volkswagen engines that are almost ready to power two area enthusiasts' dune buggies. Stribling does only complete, quality engine rebuilds.

books for the small business, had brochures printed and distributed in shops in town to inform people of the business.

With one full-time and a second part-time employee, Stribling started doing business.

"We were trying to get set up to rebuild engines," he said. "But I didn't have the equipment or the know-how, and neither did anyone else — not even the dealer."

He explained that in the 1960s Volkswagen dealers didn't rebuild engines; they just replaced them.

"You could go to the dealer, and you could just wait while they did it," he said. "They had rebuilt engines from Germany on a shelf. We could change out an engine on the older models in 15 minutes."

"Volkswagen engines are designed just like aircraft engines,"

Stribling explained. "It's a split case, and it fits together, around the crankshaft. It has to fit, the tolerance has to be right, and the clearance has to be right, or it's going to blow up. It's not going to last."

Stribling started buying the machinery necessary to do the job right. He purchased line-boring equipment and a mill for fly-cutting the heads. Stribling received some help from a man who worked at FAG Bearing in Joplin.

"I was going about it the complicated way," he said. "He helped me set up to where I had the simplest setup to do the job."

"With the mill that's sitting there [in his shop], I can pick up a head that needs to be fly-cut, and I can have it done in seven or eight minutes, without rushing. When I first

started, we could spend all day working on junk head."

Dune buggy and trike enthusiasts are Stribling's predominant customers. Every engine put together in his shop is bored out, and new camshafts, pistons and carburetors are installed.

"We bore them out about the maximum," Stribling said. "The older engines we could bore out to about 76 or 77 millimeters. The newer ones, we bore them about 93 inches."

"You're talking around \$2,000," he added.

"You can't do just one thing. We have basic blueprints that are proven. We don't cut corners. If they don't want it done right, we won't do it. That's not being independent; that's just the right way to do it." ☐

GAINES: Skynrd still lives

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A benefit concert to help pay for the memorial has been slated for Saturday, Nov. 23, at the historic Coleman Theatre. Gaines' widow, Teresa; daughter, Corina, of Florida; and brother, Bob, of Colorado, plan to attend the concert.

In the early 1970s, the Gaines siblings played with local bands, such as Crawdad, before joining Lynyrd Skynyrd. Many of those bands and others influenced by their music will be performing at the benefit. Bands scheduled

include Allison Hardy Band, Glen Sears, Slugger Trask, Smoot Mahuti, Missionaries, Secrets, and Victors.

According to concert organizer and family friend Larry Gower, a few surprises may be in store, with the possible appearance of some well-known surprise guests.

Tickets for the concert go on sale this week in Miami at the First National Bank, Osborn Drugs, and Jock's Nitch. Advance tickets are \$7.50 aisle, \$10 center, and \$15 balcony. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10, \$12.50, and \$20. ☐

HOLIDAY: Season hits mall

From page 10A

commercialization of Christmas," he said.

Mall shopper Michelle Bolin agrees.

"The turkeys! What about the turkeys?" she said, relating to the loss of Thanksgiving to the early arrival of the Christmas season. "They're putting up Christmas stuff too early."

The mall is not the only place reflections of the Christmas season can be seen. As a person drives around Joplin, one can see that lights have already begun to line the streets and buildings.

"The spirit of Christmas is great, but you can get tired of it by the time it gets here," Bolin said.

Wal-Mart in Webb City has opened its doors 24 hours since

Sept. 30 to accommodate holiday shoppers. The store will resume regular closing hours Dec. 26.

Glyndora Oeltjen, manager, said the new hours were "more of a convenience to the customer during the Christmas shopping season" since many people who work could not get in many shopping hours. Singing Santa Clauses and brightly colored wrapping paper to match the season were donning the store before Halloween.

It won't be long before "It's a Wonderful Life" is playing on every television station, modern music artists are putting out special Christmas CDs, and every house in the neighborhood is lit up in holiday fervor. Whether it be too early or right on time, get ready, because here comes Christmas. ☐

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Blacketer to run in national meet

By JASON OWEN
CO-WRITER

When Sonia Blacketer left for the Great Lakes NCAA regional cross-country championship in Central Missouri state last weekend, she was simply another runner.

When she came back, however, she was a national qualifier with a legitimate shot at becoming an All-American.

"I was really excited," she said. "I was pretty surprised to be real honest. I wasn't sure it was going to happen."

It did happen, though, and Blacketer knows that she will have a tough road ahead of her if she is to do well at nationals Nov. 21. While the rest of her team will get a two-week break, she will be on an intense workout schedule to prepare for her upcoming race.

"I'll be giving a lot of special effort this next week, and a lot more in the coming weeks," she said. "A lot of the coaches at Humboldt really want me to succeed."



Blacketer

hilly, so I'll be concentrating on that. The week after that will be a little easier because I'll just be running enough to keep my legs under me. I'll have to just hope that the base I've built all through this season will carry me through."

Blacketer, who placed seventh overall, said not all of her teammates will be taking the time off, however.

"Amanda Harrison, who has trained with me all year, will continue training with me," Blacketer said. "She's really great, and I am really thankful that I have her there to push me. If I become an All-American, she will have been a large part of the reason why."

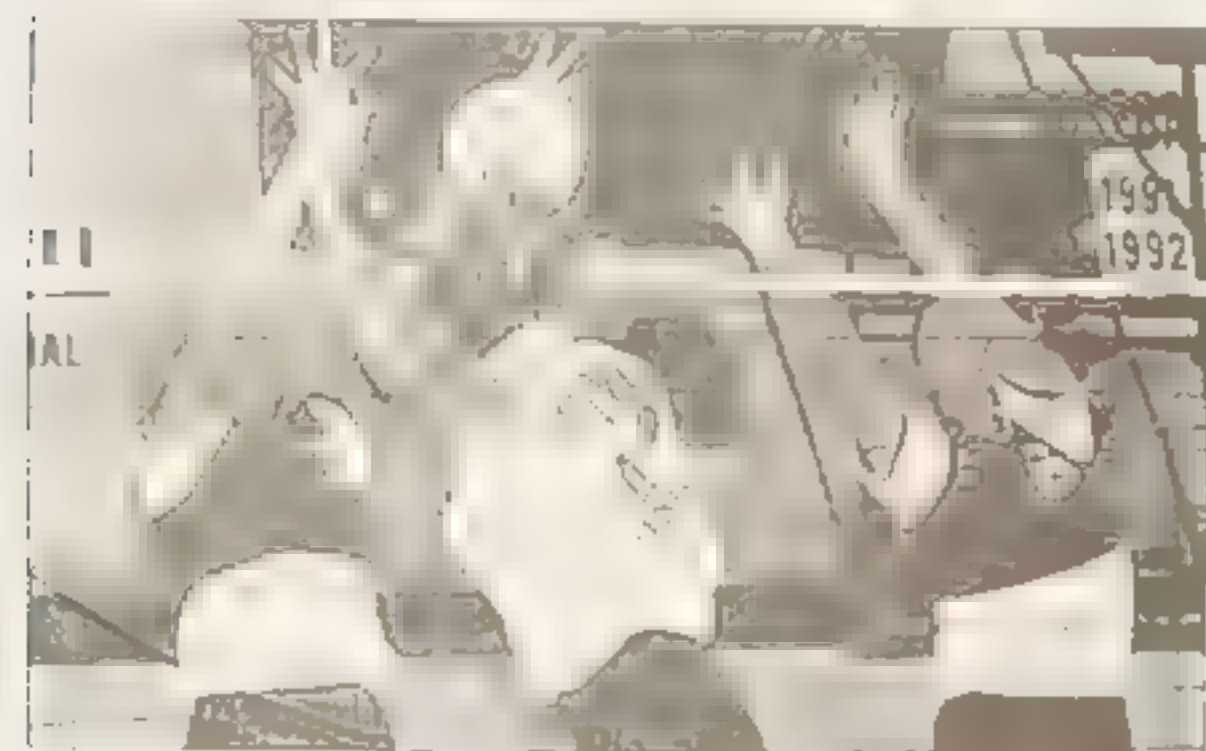
Blacketer, the first women's cross-country runner ever to make two nationals, said she was just trying to keep things in perspective.

"I would love to be an All-American," she said. "I don't, though, that's all right. I'm just glad I was able to make it this far."

Chris Heinicke, junior cross-country runner, said Blacketer will do well.

"It couldn't have happened to a better person," he said. "As hard as she works, I can't see her doing anything but well. We are behind her all the way and will do whatever we can to help her along the way." □

HANDS UP



Palge Maycock (left) and Stephanio Gockley (far right) go up for a double block against a Central Missouri hitter in Young Gymnasium.

VOLLEYBALL

Missed opportunities cost Lady Lions postseason play

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After a 4-1 loss to Central Missouri State University, the Lady Lions (18-11 overall, 10-4 MIAA) are headed into their last two matches of the season.

Missouri Southern's final matches are Friday and Saturday at CMSU. The Lady Lions take on Missouri Western at 5 p.m. Friday and Northwest Missouri at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Head coach Debbie Trawick said missed scoring opportunities played a big factor in the loss at CMSU.

"We got behind in every game," she said. "In game one we got back in it and did the same in game three. In games two and four we just couldn't climb back in the match."

"We played great side-out volleyball. We just couldn't score when we had it."

Trawick said even though her team will not advance to regional action, she believes it will still perform well during the final MIAA weekend.

"We've practiced pretty well," she said. "I feel pretty good about this weekend. We match up really well with both teams."

Southern opened its season to high expectations, and Trawick said the team felt the pressure, but was able to play without that pressure.

"We got over those expectations, probably around the end of September," she said. "We held a team meeting and talked about feeling unfulfilled and frustrated. The meeting helped."

The Lady Lions were hit with an injury early in the season. Junior hitter Sara Winkler went down with a broken ankle in a match against Cameron University during the Lady Lion Classic.

Trawick said the aspect most missed with the absence of Winkler was her consistency. Trawick said her team had some other stumbling blocks early in the season. The Lady Lions lost senior Annie Richardson to ineligibility.

Richardson played a key role for the Lady Lions in the 1995 campaign.

"Overall it's been a good year," Trawick said. "Maybe not up to the expectations, but we played good volleyball."

Trawick said she could think of only three matches Southern didn't play well in. CMSU swept the Lady Lions at home in three games Oct. 2. West Texas defeated Southern 3-1 during the Lady Lion Classic Sept. 6, and Truman State won 3-1 in Kirksville Sept. 20. □

Southern Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1 NW Missouri (2)	10-0 8-0
2 Pittsburg State (8)	7-2 7-1
3 Truman State	6-4 6-0
4 Missouri Western	6-4 4-4
5 Missouri Southern	5-4 4-1
6 Washburn	4-5 4-1
7 Emporia State	4-6 4-1
8 Central Missouri	4-6 2-0
9 Missouri-Rolla	3-7 1-7
10 Southwest Baptist	0-9 0-8

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Volleyball
Friday — Southern vs. Missouri Western, 5 p.m. at Central Missouri

MIAA Schedule

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EUPORIA STATE @ CENTRAL MISSOURI
TRUMAN STATE @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN
MISSOURI SOUTHERN @ WASHBURN
WASHBURN @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN

VOLLEYBALL

Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1 Central Missouri (1)	30-3 14-0

Lion Basketball
Friday — Southern vs. Ozark Christian, 7:30 p.m., Young Gymnasium

FOOTBALL



Missouri Southern's offensive line helped the Lions' option offense become a threat in the MIAA. Sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen is currently ranked first in passing efficiency for the conference.

Lions to encounter Ichabods

Cornelsen would break school record with 2 touchdowns

By RICK ROGERS
CO-WRITER

After losing to Missouri Western 49-48 in double overtime Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium, Missouri Southern head football coach Jon Lantz does not know what to expect from his football team.

The Lions, who enter the season final at 11-4 in the MIAA, will entertain the much-improved Washburn Ichabods, who are looking for their first five-win season since 1988, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Southern defeated Washburn 25-0 in Topeka last season for only the second shutout in seven seasons under Lantz.

But right now, Lantz said he must pay close attention to his group of down players.

"I really don't know how we are going to respond," he said. "I wish I could tell you. I know we have a lot of down men right now who have lost four in a row, two of those losses by a total of two points."

The Ichabods enter Saturday's

game looking to get back on track after dropping a home contest to Northwest Missouri State 33-14.

Running back Brennan Casey and quarterback Joe Schartz led Washburn with 66 and 100 yards rushing on eight and 19 attempts, respectively. Schartz, who ranks fifth in the MIAA in passing, completed nine of 11 passes for 114 yards against the Bearcats. Washburn head coach Tony DeMeo said a win would mean the world for his program, because a win would mean a 500 season.

"The last time Washburn won four conference games, I think Colonel Sanders was a private," DeMeo said. Sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen came one step closer to various career milestones Saturday.

He is now second in total offensive yardage for a quarterback with 2,546 for the season, needing just 100 yards to pass former Lions' quarterback yardage leader Matt Cook, who finished the 1991 season with 2,637 yards.

Also with a pair of rushing touchdowns Saturday against Washburn, Cornelsen would break the record for most rushing touchdowns in a single season held by former running back Albert Bland in 1994 and 1995. Cornelsen enters the game with 15 rushing touchdowns.

"Without Brad we are nowhere,"

THIS WEEK'S GAME

Missouri Southern
LIONS vs.
Washburn University
ICHABODS

RECORDS: Missouri Southern 5-4, 4-4
Washburn 4-5, 4-4

WHEN: Saturday Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fred G. Hughes Stadium

Lantz said. "Not only is he a leader, but he has great durability. You look for him in the clutch. If you look at what Brad Cornelsen did against Missouri Western, he played well enough to win."

So, how does DeMeo plan to put a cork into Cornelsen's game?

"Well, I thought about sending a really nice-looking coed over to his dorm before the game," DeMeo said. □

Sports SCOPE

Southern hits skids after PSU defeat

Someone stop the bleeding. After Saturday's heart-wrenching, stomach-churning 49-48 double overtime loss to Missouri Western, it has become more difficult with each passing week to remember that just one month ago the Lions were the third best team in NCAA Division II football.

But more importantly, the Western loss also marked the Lions' fourth consecutive defeat, the longest losing streak in Lion history. The home defeat was also Southern's second-straight one-point loss at home. The Lions fell to Northwest Missouri State 35-34 on Oct. 26.

So, what has caused the Lions' downfall from atop the nation's elite ladder?

It's easy: The Pittsburg State loss.

Before heading to Carmie Smith Stadium, the Lions were 5-0, they were third in the nation, and they were on a roll.

After leaving PSU with a 21-7 setback, the Lions were no longer undefeated, and they were faced with the tough choice of dealing with their first loss of the season. They did lose their hated rival after leading 7-0 at the half, but they were still ranked (No. 12). Even head coach Jon Lantz said he thought the PSU loss took a little bit out of his team as a whole.

After the Gorilla victory, the losses have begun to snowball.

Southern lost to Northwest Missouri, one of Division II's most consistent teams, by one point. Then the next week, the Lions dropped one to Truman State at Kirksville due to six key turnovers. Saturday, they lost a hot-and-cold Western squad. But the good news for the Lions was that they caught the Griffs on a lukewarm day. But lukewarm was good enough to win.

And the numbers also point out that Southern's four conference victories were all against teams who are either at or below the .500 mark. And the teams to which Southern lost have a combined record of 25-7.

Here's a quick look at what else is on my mind:

Cornelsen, Cornelsen, Cornelsen... What would the Lions' offense have done without the sophomore quarterback? Cornelsen, who leads the MIAA in total offense and in passing, has been the backbone of a frail Lions' attack. Without Cornelsen, the Lions are under .500, bottom line.

Bobby Campbell stepped up and showed he could be a strong receiver for Southern in the near future. Campbell, who finished Saturday's game with two receptions for 100 yards, showed some acrobatic skill with a leaping touchdown catch in the second overtime.

Speaking of overtime, I think the new format is a joke. Can we say baseball? The overtime periods are like innings in baseball.

If the first team scores, the other team gets a shot to tie, and so on. What is so wrong with a tie? Football was meant to end with both teams playing a grueling 60 minutes of football, and the scoreboard at the end of the game showed a tie — it was a tie.

Cornelsen, Cornelsen... □

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This Week

FOOTBALL

Saturday — Southern vs. Washburn, 1:30 p.m., Fred G. Hughes Stadium

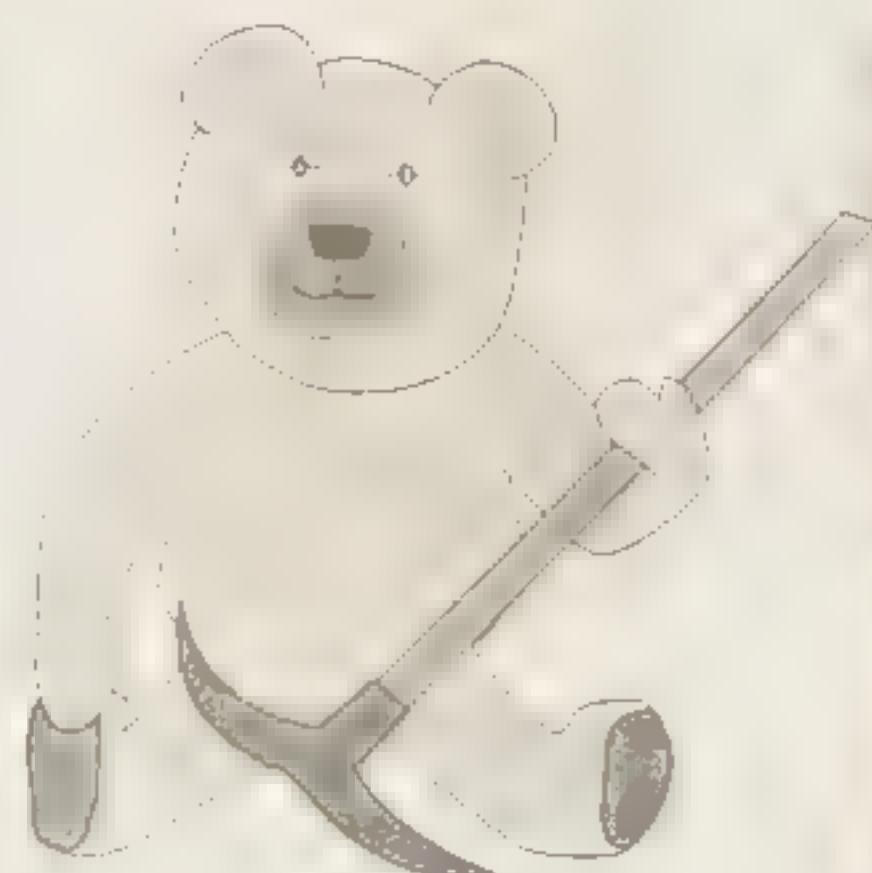
Volleyball

Saturday — Southern vs. Northwest Missouri, 2 p.m., at Central Missouri

Stotts City

ROUGH & TUMBLE

TEDDY BEARS



Mining town goes from tough to fluff

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Thirty miles east of Joplin just off I-44 lies the small, rustic town of Stotts City, Mo. Though the Main Street has a post office and a few businesses now, it once bustled with the activity of a tough turn-of-the-century mining town.

The population of the town, then known as Pac City, was far more than the 235 people who live there now.

Named for Civil War veteran and state representative Green C. Stotts, it was the discovery of lead and zinc on his property that attracted miners and their families to the area.

No matter how much the town thrived 100 years ago, it probably never had the wide variety of global visitors it does today. Travelers from all over North America as well as Europe, Taiwan, and South Africa have passed through its near-empty streets. These travelers come for one reason: teddy bears.

The Stearnsy Bears, named for the Stearns family who makes them, are not the average teddy bear. The Stearns have been in business full-time for about 17 years. They have always been in Stotts City, making

these special heirloom bears and selling them first in the local grocery store before moving to the current site, an old hardware shop built in 1916. Customers may think they are in the wrong place when they see the time-worn building that houses such famous bears, but a friendly-looking bear sits outside the store on a bench to welcome those who aren't sure.

The Stearnsy Bears are distinct because they are not only handmade, but also wear antique clothing and have individual personalities. Many are made from German molting, just like their turn-of-the-century counterparts. According to Jim Stearns, who started the business with his wife, Sally, the family spends much of its time searching for the vintage clothing at garage sales, auctions, and doll shows.

"A lot of doll collectors know that we collect the old doll clothing for bears and so they save it for us," Stearns said.

The bears get their personalities from Sally Stearns, who names them for local townspeople.

The Stearns say their bears are Southern Baptists Democrats as a whole, but individual bears can be "flower peddlers, brides and grooms, bird watchers, retired school teach-

ers, widows, and socialites."

According to Jim Stearns, seeing the bears in person makes a difference.

"Most people tell us after they see the faces on the bears they can kind of identify them anywhere they see them," he said.

In fact, the Stearnsy Bears are often used by American Greeting Cards featured in calendars, puzzles, and books.

Paintings of the bears are sold nationally, and the Stearns recently started their own Stearnsy Bears Web site. Chad Stearns, son of Jim and Sally and senior general studies major at Missouri Southern, took advantage of the vast exposure the Internet provides.

"I saw there are real opportunities for business out there, and I talked to my parents about it and they said it was something worth trying," Chad Stearns said.

The Web site can be found at www.stearnsbears.com, where the bears are advertised and sold. Other than that, customers must travel to Stotts City to buy a Stearnsy Bear. According to Jim Stearns, this small town business does just fine.

"It's exciting. You wouldn't expect to make a living with teddy bears." □

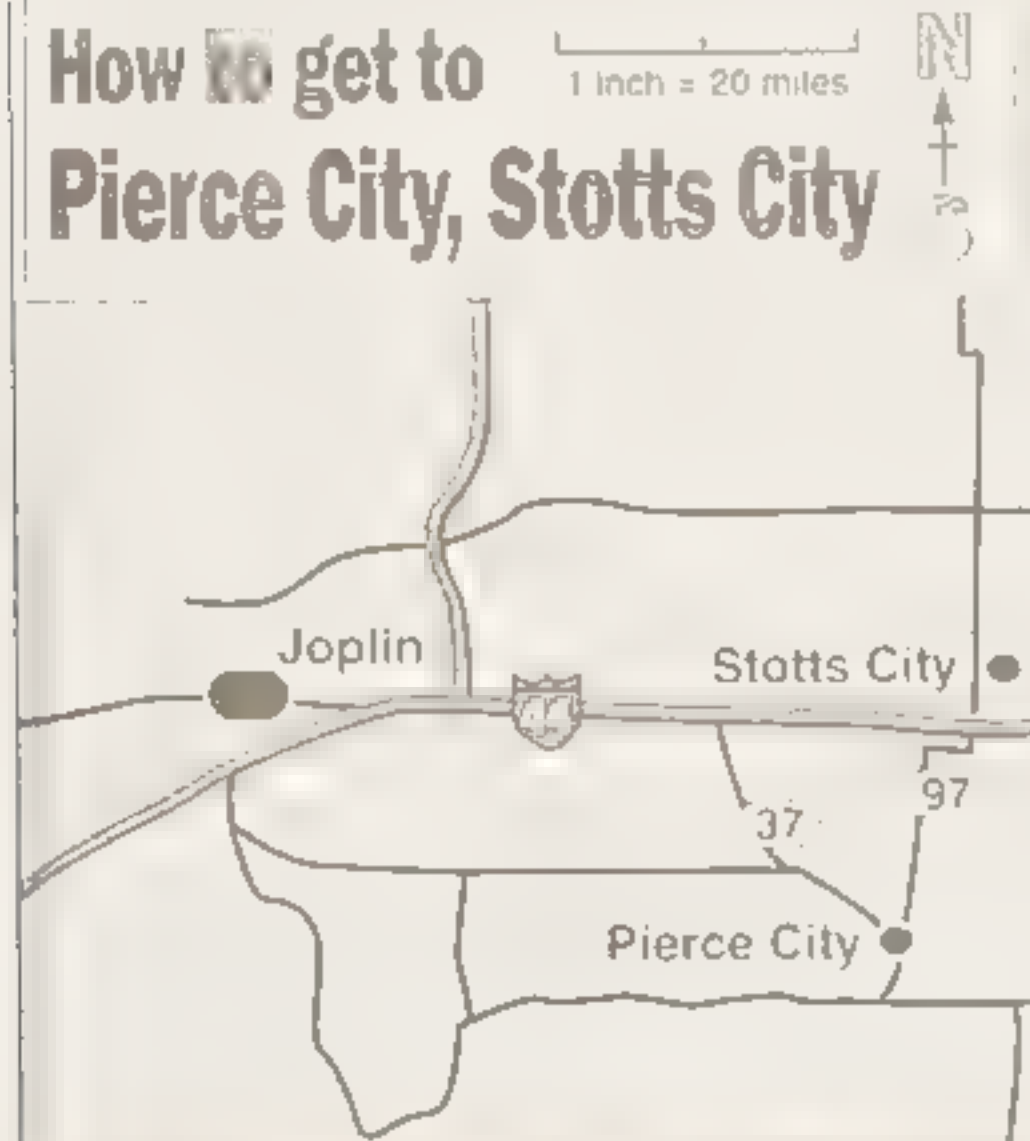


AMY DENTNER/THE CHART

Travelers visit Stotts City from all over the world to buy heirloom Stearnsy Bears, teddy bears made by Jim and Sally Stearns, who have been in the business full time for approximately 17 years.

How to get to Pierce City, Stotts City

1 inch = 20 miles



Pierce City

Folks just like to come in and sit and talk.

Historic atmosphere well worth the trip

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

Grand old oaks and maples line the main street of Pierce City, Mo., painted by the sunlight they've captured within their leaves. The trees seem a bit bemused, managing to retain the best colors of summer and yet display the unmistakable tones of fall. The outer leaves, which have received the full force of the sun's light, range in hue from a rusty brown to a sunny yellow to a festive orange to a red so brilliant it's almost unreal. This apparent dichotomy only heightens the sense that fall has arrived in force, and that soon the weather will be white instead of gray.

Commercial Avenue, Pierce City's main street, is so picturesque as to be almost ridiculous, but somehow, strangely compelling at the same time. It forces the observer to look again, to examine details that might have gone unnoticed with merely a cursory glance. Details like an old bank, dating from the turn of the century, now boarded up and undoubtedly condemned, replaced by a newer, smaller, faster, and probably less friendly facility two blocks down. An old-fashioned drugstore that still dispenses ice cream sodas made-to-order from a vintage soda fountain, along with magazines, candy, soda pop, local gossip — and, of course, drugs, as they used to be called before that word was associated with addiction and death. A small newspaper office advertising itself as "Your hometown source for printing" since some time all but forgotten. One building's otherwise blank rear wall advises "Rooms — Air-Conditioned" for rent.

A small lumberyard crouches next door to a tired pile of rusty warehouses that hold yesterday's overstocks and tomorrow's sale items alongside souvenirs of lives and of a past long gone. A solitary traffic cop lounges in his cruiser idly watching traffic, occasionally moving his vehicle up or down the street a few hundred yards, then parking again. His left arm hangs comfortably out of the open window as he enjoys the unseasonably warm weather, obviously more interested in the sunshine than in passing motorists. A karate dojo shares office space with an insurance agency and the local American Legion post. An auto-parts store rubs shoulders with the Herb Depot, which offers "herbs, vitamins, health books, and reflexology."

Tucked away in the lee of a small wooded hill lies Pierce City's only city park. It's the kind of park your grandparents remember "goin' courtin'" in, the kind of park your own parents took many moonlit walks through, the kind of park you'd want your children to know as part of their childhood. It's a park with a few well-constructed shelters, each dedicated to some individual who is now all but forgotten, but

whose legacy lives on past his memory. It's a park with swings that are as high as you remember going as a child, with metal slides that were too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter, but you liked them anyway because they were slick and fast. It's a park where high school sweethearts still carve their initials into the trunks of trees that were old before their grandparents were born, and will undoubtedly outlive their grandchildren.

It's a park unspoiled by cigarette butts, beer bottles, and soda cans. And it's a park with a duck pond that, of course, has a flock of ducks. And not just any flock of ducks. A nosy, arrogant, swaggering gang of ducks who make it very clear that you've invaded their turf and that you'll have to pay them an edible fine before you can leave. The ducks inhabit a quiet, secluded pond, where leaves float on the water, casting ripples in the fabric of a virtual reality that has existed in puddles everywhere since time immemorial. Fish quest to the surface, periodically checking to be certain that some of those leaves haven't turned into bugs yet.

Before you can enjoy the beauty of their pond, however, the almighty ducks demand a snack from all visitors. They take the morsels, whatever they may be, as something due them, somehow managing to sneer down their bills at their feeders even as they scramble and fight for potato chip crumbs. The ducks have no manners, no compunction, and absolutely no fear.

In the middle of this small town's unassuming, almost shy buildings, the park serves as a backdrop to a singularly imposing edifice, a monument to the architecture of a time and place far removed from this one: St. Mary's Catholic Church. Almost a cathedral, it soars high above its peers. Although the town's other churches are solid old buildings of their own rights, St. Mary's overshadows them all, standing proud and aloof in its own section of town as the others maintain a respectful distance. Attached to St. Mary's is a long, squat structure that could easily be overlooked at first glance. However, a closer inspection would reveal that although it is newer and less impressive, the building that houses St. Mary's Catholic Day School has clearly seen much greater use in its time.

The town's main street also features a few relatively new establishments scattered among those that have existed since just after the Civil War. One of these is the brand-new "Hillbilly Cafe," which, according to owner/operators Deborah Aust and Paula Campbell, has been open for business for only three months. "We've been real busy" since we opened," said Campbell, who does a good share of the cooking at the cafe. "Folks just like to come in and sit and talk. On Saturdays, people filter in and quit all day."

The cafe features a "locally oriented" menu which includes such items as "Critter in the Crib" (a tuna fish sandwich), "Outsider" (a French dip au jus), "Muddle Puddle" (biscuits and gravy), and "Homemade Hillbilly Bubble Bath" (chili with crackers). Aust and Campbell, both retired, say they opened the cafe to have something to do. "It keeps me from being bored," said Campbell. "It's quiet, and I like that. It's also fun getting to know a lot of new people, and seeing old friends, too."

Just outside of the Hillbilly Cafe, in the middle of the street just off Commercial, sits a small wood-and-cement grandstand. It's a good place just to sit back, enjoy the sunshine and weather, and watch people go by, or so one old-timer commented as he did just that. "I've only lived in this town since last April," he mused, "but I'm really enjoying myself. I lived in Neosho for 25 years, and this is smaller, less busy, and quiet. It's a good place to settle down."

On the other side of the street and down just a few blocks from the Cafe sits the oldest building in town and the location of what will soon undoubtedly be the town's most interesting feature.

The building is the Old Mercantile Mall, located at 115 W. Commercial. It was erected in 1871 as the first site of Newman's Mercantile. In years after the city bought the building, the old Mercantile housed the fire and police departments, the jail, and the courthouse. It was one of the first three city halls in the Midwest to house city offices in the same building. In fact, the old single holding cell may still be seen, along with the old police and fire chief's offices. Today the Mercantile is home to the Old Mercantile Mall, which includes the House of Shalom Tea Room, a vintage soda fountain, Antiques, and the soon-to-be-completed Drummer Boy, a shop being renovated to display percussion instruments.

This small town, and hundreds of others like it, form the heart and soul of what the dream of American life has been for so long.

Pierce City, Mo., (pop. 1,382) is located about 30 minutes east of Joplin. Just take the exit off I-44 and keep going. You'll get there sooner or later, and it's well worth the trip. □



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Pierce City's The Old Mercantile Mall, erected in 1871, was the first site of Newman's Mercantile. The building once housed the fire and police departments, jail, and courthouse.

DRUGS *in our* BACKYARD

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A Chart reporter
investigates the
mysterious life of a
meth lab chemist
giving insight into a
dealer's dark lifestyle.



OUR PURPOSE

The choice is up to you

Will the war on drugs ever be won? As we near the next century, it has become a fact of life that drugs will be carried along with us into the year 2000.

And even though our minds have been saturated with commercials, slogans, school lectures, parental chats, and "Just say no" campaigns warning this generation about the ramifications of drug use — the picture still looks bleak.

The *Chart's* mission in publishing this special supplement concerning the underground drug world is to inform students and residents of the four-state area about a topic that affects us all. Like it or not, drugs are a part of our world.

But glamorizing or advocating drug use is not *The Chart's* intention; rather, our goal is to give an honest account of what is really happening around us.

And even though many area residents believe this epidemic is not a threat to their homes or to our college campus, they are wrong.

Doug Seneker, director of the Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force, said with assistance from the community the war on drugs can be won.

"This is supposed to be a drug war, but the American people have not yet made the commitment necessary to win this war with manpower, money, and commitment," he said.

So, what can be done to improve this country's front lines?

"We need to make it so dangerous to sell drugs that only the desperate will do it," Seneker said. "We have to educate our youth that the peer pressure should be to not do drugs, rather than to do drugs."

In recent years, a wave of methamphetamine labs have hit the four-state area, alarming both law enforcement agencies and residents. A *Chart* reporter visited a local methamphetamine lab on three occasions, allowing us to paint a descriptive picture of a drug dealer's mode of operation.

This supplement is designed to set the table for *The Chart's* readership. The decision to take an active role in the drug fight is in your hands. ☐

OVERVIEW

What are the effects of drugs?



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Various drugs like marijuana and PCP can cause serious permanent damage

Students entering the college environment are often faced with overwhelming challenges and choices — one being the decision to use or not to use illegal drugs.

Whether people face the reality or not, illegal drugs can take a two-fold role in our society. For the user, illegal drugs can cause immense pleasure or a feeling of bewilderment toward his or her surroundings. For the rest of society, illegal drugs can be seen as a threat to the well-being of our world.

But what about the actual health effects of drugs? And how do they make the user feel?

Here is a partial list of society's popular illegal, prescription, and over-the-counter drugs and their effects that could answer some of these questions.

Alcohol (booze, juice, sauce, brew, vino) depressant, gradual development of dysfunction, extreme behavior such as combative or passive, focusing difficulty, intoxication, slurred speech, blood-shot eyes.

Marijuana (weed, dope, grass, pot, hash, herb, Mary Jan, hashish) feelings of euphoria — a feeling that everything is all right; rapid, loud talking, and bursts of

laughter, stuporous behavior, forgetfulness.

Stimulants (amphetamines, cocaine, speed, bennies, uppers) dry mouth, dry nose, bad breath, frequent lip licking, argumentative attitude, excessive activity, increased fervor, runny nose, chronic cold, chronic sinus problems, nose bleeds (common among cocaine users).

Depressants (barbiturates, ludes, tranquilizers, downers): symptoms of alcohol abuse, with no alcohol odor on breath, slurred speech, lack of facial expression.

Heroin (junk, smack, dope, Dougie, H., scot, hose, narco) Euphoria, apathy, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, slurred speech, and even spontaneous orgasm.

LSD (acid) fascination with ordinary objects, heightened body awareness, vision, depth, distortion, heightened aesthetic responses to color, texture, contours, music, feelings magnified (love, hate, lust, joy, anger, pain, terror, frustration, etc.).

PCP (angel dust, hog, dust, peace pill, hog, fuel, rocket) lethargy, increased heart rate and blood pressure, sweating, altered perception of time and space, excessive paranoia, altered body image, catatonic immobility (extreme cases). ☐

JOPLIN DRUG SCENE

Force cites rapid rise in meth lab busts

BY TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

The Joplin Police Department has put a conservative estimate that 50 percent of all thefts, robberies and assaults are linked to drugs in some way, while the national estimate stands at 70 to 85 percent.

"I-44 has been known for years to be a major artery for drugs," said Lt. Carl Francis, patrol commander for the Joplin Police Department.

Joplin had two significant busts in 1994: one was 110 kilos of cocaine and another was six ounces of methamphetamine. Both were seized at I-44 and Range Line, according to Francis.

"Methamphetamine is quickly taking over the drug market," he said. "The reason it is so big is because it is so easy to make. The chemicals needed are readily available."

An average of six methamphetamine labs have been shut down every month for the past several months, according to Francis.

"Most people think of a meth lab as a large room filled with big bottles and tubes," Francis said. "In truth, you can put the contents of an

entire lab in a briefcase."

Many of the labs discovered by the Joplin Police Department are found in the back of cars, and that can pose a special problem because of the hazardous nature of the chemicals involved in the process of producing the drug.

"We just found out we have been improperly transporting the labs," Francis explained. "We had just been towing the whole cars, and we found out we aren't allowed to transport the lab complete."

The Drug Enforcement Agency has special moving companies contracted to collect meth labs and their chemicals, he said.

The Jasper County Drug Task Force has been focusing on the methamphetamine problem with a hotel/motel interdiction team.

"The team has been working with south Range Line motels, educating clerks on what to look for," Francis said.

Some of the tell-tale signs of a meth lab include an abnormal amount of traffic in and out of a room or dwelling and a funny odor.

Oftentimes Joplin police can spot a methamphetamine producing house by the surveillance cameras on the

front porch, according to Francis.

Right now the price of methamphetamine is less than marijuana, depending on the market.

"The police department helps determine the market," Francis said. "If we make a bust and take a lot off the street, the price shoots up."

With people being arrested on a daily basis for possession of the drug and about five every month being arrested for manufacturing, the police department has been kept busy.

Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, so being caught with it is a felony. Only possession of 15 grams or less of marijuana would fall into the category of misdemeanor.

"They can be charged even if they aren't in possession of any methamphetamine," he said. "If you find the chemicals and equipment to produce meth, that's enough to have a case." ☐

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Lt. Carl Francis
Patrol commander

ON THE COVER:

A photo illustration depicts the scene of a person smoking marijuana. In actuality, the person is smoking tobacco rolled in cigarette paper.

COVER PHOTO BY DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

DRUGS AT SOUTHERN

Programs shrink case numbers

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Drug problems? Not on this campus, according to College officials. Through education and orientation, Missouri Southern has been able to decrease and even control excessive drug abuse on the campus.

"We're educating students in College Orientation about the ill effects of drugs," said Craig Richardson, campus security officer.

He said this method, plus the fact that Southern is predominately a commuter campus, has helped assist in drug awareness and prevention.

"The last major drug bust on campus was about five years ago in the dorms," he said. "There were three people arrested for distribution in one of the dorms."

Richardson said drug offenders are turned over to Joplin police, who then turn the subjects over to the Jasper County Drug Task Force.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said Southern has its bout with drugs just like any other college.

"It's not often, but we probably handle an average of about a dozen drug violations a year," he said.

Drug problems in the residence halls seem to be relatively few,

according to Lori Rains, a residence hall staff assistant.

"We've not had any drug problems that we're aware of since I've been here," she said. "We set ground rules at the beginning, and they know their limits."

Carnahan said most violations do not deal with hard drugs.

"A lot of the problems were with legal, over-the-counter drugs," he said.

"A lot of them get into trouble with speed, but most of the drugs are not illegal. It's just like in society; people get in a situation where they take them to stay awake or to go to sleep."

Carnahan said marijuana hasn't even posed a real problem on campus.

"We probably handle only a handful [of cases] a year," he said.

Carnahan said immediate action is taken upon discovery of drug-related problems.

"If we become aware of the presence of drug abuse, we will take disciplinary action. We do referrals and try to get them help."

Rains said a strict foundation is the key to enforcing the drug policy on campus.

"They see our consistency and know if they break the rules, disciplinary action will be taken."

Although the abuse of hard drugs doesn't seem to be posing an immediate threat to Southern's campus, it doesn't necessarily mean the faculty isn't casting a keen eye toward the possibilities.

"A really hot issue going on around the nation right now is the 'date rape drug,' Rohypnol," Carnahan said.

"If someone slips it into a drink, it is tasteless, colorless, odorless, and basically turns a person into a zombie."

He said he doesn't think Rohypnol, which is 10 times as potent as Valium, has hit the campus at this time, but it is "something we have talked about and are aware of its existence."

Carnahan's main concern is getting help for drug abuse victims.

"We will investigate, and if we find a problem, we will try to intervene." □

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College Policies

Substance Abuse Policy:

Students are prohibited from using alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs on College-owned or controlled property and at College-sponsored or supervised activities. Irresponsible alcohol or other drug usage off-campus resulting in disorderly conduct on campus also is not acceptable.

Consequences:

Any Missouri Southern student found to have manufactured, dispensed, possessed, or used controlled substance in violation of Southern's substance abuse policy is subject to discipline in accordance with College policy and reported to local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities.

Missouri Southern is required to establish a drug and alcohol prevention program.

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COUNSELING



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Ann Allman, a counselor at the College's counseling services office, talks with many students battling drug or alcohol abuse.

College offers services for users

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

When Missouri Southern students are dealing with a substance abuse problem of any kind, they often wind up at the College's counseling services office.

Counseling services is located on the first floor of Hearnes Hall and serves several functions, one of which is helping students with proven or perceived drug problems.

According to counselor Larry Karst, the most damaging drug problem on campus comes from a substance many students don't recognize as an addictive one.

"Alcohol is by far the most widely used and misused substance on campus," he said.

Karst said many problems arise when students enter college for the first time.

"People who don't ordinarily drink are trying alcohol for the first time and using it in excess," he said.

There is a fairly easy way to test whether alcohol has become a problem or addiction in one's life, Karst explained.

"I can test this with one word," he said. "WART: With Alcohol Repeated Trouble."

"If a student is having trouble with alcohol, he or she usually winds up in trouble. It could be family or grades or money, but that is what often prompts the student to seek out counseling services." A primary function of Southern's counseling services office in dealing with drug-related problems is referral of students who have a dependency to programs where they can get support and treatment.

"We are in the business of assist-

ing and reassuring students," Karst said. "Treatment for these kinds of problems is more the place of groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and Ala-Teen."

Karst said the number of people using hard-core drugs such as cocaine and heroine is low, but those numbers could change.

"I don't see much illicit drug usage on campus," he said, "but as we see an increase in students from outlying areas we may see this change. People bring their baggage with them."

Counselor Ann Allman, who is also director of the College's Return To Learn program, said many Southern students have to deal with a family background of drug abuse.

"A number of those in my program are children of alcoholics or have had similar problems at home," she said. □

An interview with a

A scary drive to nowhere



Eerie car ride leaves no leads to lab's location

By NELSON WEBB
STAFF WRITER

It was during a conversation one day in mid-September that a friend brought up the subject of methamphetamine laboratories. Several drug rings had been broken up in the last few months, and it had become the hot topic for the moment. It was then that the idea for doing a story on such a lab came into being.

Since I had no idea how to go about gaining access to a drug lab, I did what I usually do when in doubt — I asked. I approached several people I had known to be involved, at one time or another, in covert activities. When the subject was broached, some looked at me with surprise, others with distrust, and still others simply shook their heads in disbelief.

It goes without saying that I was discouraged and I decided to let it go without further pursuit. However, about a week later, my phone rang around 10 p.m.

"Are you the guy that wants to see a lab?" the voice on the other end asked.

It took a moment to figure out what he was talking about. "A lab?" I asked.

"A meth lab," he said. "You are the writer, aren't you?"

I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I was actually being invited to a drug laboratory. I was going to observe the process, interview drug dealers, and then write about it. I considered myself lucky.

A date, time, and place of pickup were arranged. I was told there would be precautions taken during the trip to protect the exact location of the lab, but I was assured I would not be harmed in any way. I said I would expect to be able to report fairly and honestly on what I saw. This was agreed upon, and the man hung up.

The next Saturday evening I drove to the agreed-upon meeting place — an alley behind a Main Street storefront in Joplin. I waited for about 15 minutes, wondering if they were going to show, not sure if I wanted them to or not. They

were late, which gave me time to plan what I would do when they arrived. I decided not to look at their faces when they approached. I didn't know how smart my hosts were, and I didn't want to be able to identify them if they were stupid enough to show me their faces.

At long last, a car rolled down the alley when I was sitting outside my car. It stopped about 50 feet from me, and two people got out and started walking my way. I turned away from them and waited. I hadn't planned how this would go off, and I was more than a little nervous.

I heard the men stop before getting too close. "Are you looking for us?" one of them asked.

"I think so," I answered.

"Stay just how you are, sir. We'll be right with you," he said.

Sir? Did he call me sir? As they approached from behind, I couldn't help but think how young the voice sounded. Were these just a bunch of kids?

I didn't think so. The voice on the phone had sounded fully mature.

"We're just going to slip this blindfold around your eyes," said the young-sounding voice. "If you would, please give me your watch. You'll get it back when we come back to your car." I was carrying a portable cassette recorder, which he also confiscated.

Evidently, while this was going on, the other man went to get the car and drove it to where we were standing. I was helped into the back seat of a two-door vehicle, and we drove away. My escorts said little to me during the trip, so I had a good deal of time to think about what I was doing. We drove only back streets for a while, I am sure. The constant stop and go gave me that impression. Before long, we must have hit an open stretch of road, and that's when something just short of panic set in.

Here are my memories of those moments as best as I can recollect.

I am having visions. Hellish visions of being chased through some back woods area I am not familiar with by drug-crazed maniacs with automatic weapons. Out of breath, I try to hide behind a bush, but I am found. The maniacs, with leering, toothless smiles, take aim and say good-bye. The rumbling sound of an SKS delivering countless rounds into sweat-soaked, living flesh is the last sound I hear. My bloody, lifeless body will be buried in the woods where it will never be found. My wife and children will never know what happened to me. Only a few people know what I am doing, and they don't know where I am. I could leave no clues, for I have none to leave.

The black blindfold over my eyes is scratching my face, and it smells — giving me a headache. I complain about this to my two unseen escorts in the front seat, but they reassure me we are near the end of the trip. I decide not to press the issue and try to keep my mind clear. My mind has to be clear.

We are driving on pavement, that much I can tell. I have no way of knowing how long we have been on the road. I still don't have my watch. I realized later my watch was taken to keep me from gauging mileage from the time we had been gone.

I assume we are on a country highway because I can feel the vibration of the road beneath me. But this is not a concrete assumption. The vibration may be coming from the car itself, which sounds high-performance. The car begins to slow, and I can feel my heart moving from my chest to my throat. Breathing is becoming difficult. I hum a familiar-sounding hymn to myself. I can't remember the name of the song, but it has something to do with Jesus. "Jesus, what am I doing here?" would be an appropriate title.

We have turned off the pavement and are now traveling on a gravel road. We are almost creeping. More questions come to mind. Are we almost there?

My head is now aching fiercely, and my nose itches, but I dare not make a move to rub my temples or scratch myself. What if those movements were construed to be my trying to move the blindfold in order to sneak a peek? I wasn't sure if my previous visions were ones of premonition, and I am not about to find out just yet. Breathe deeply, Nelson, just breathe deeply.

We have driven for a few minutes on the gravel road before the car begins to slow even more. We come to a stop, and the driver's side door is opened. He is gone for a minute or so, and my other escort says nothing to me. I am about to ask him what is going on, but the driver has returned.

Methamphetamines

Methamphetamine is a stimulant drug that falls within the amphetamine family. The use of methamphetamine produces similar behavioral and physiological effects as cocaine and other stimulants.

How many meth labs have been busted in this region in 1996?

Jasper (Mo.) County

15

Newton (Mo.) County

3

Cherokee (Kan.) County

11

Ottawa (Okla.) County

3

FIGURE: THE FBI

a meth lab dealer



This home, located south of Carl Junction, was raided on Aug. 12 by the Jasper County Drug Task Force after the home burned down due to a fire caused by cooking methamphetamines.

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Genesis: 'I don't have any regrets for what I do'

By NELSON WEBB
CHARTER REPORTER

He is sitting in what he refers to as his oubliette (French for secret dungeon). He is hidden from sight in an adjoining room, but his voice is clear and strong and is easily heard.

"I don't have any regrets for what I do," he said. "The voice of the people is the voice of God. Vox populi, vox Dei."

He is known only as Genesis. He claims to have a master's degree from a top-notch university. He is ambitious, strong-willed, has the backing and respect of the people he works with, and espouses a voracious penchant for foreign language. He is a father figure and spiritual leader for at least five people. His manners are impeccable, and he is polite to the point of swiftness. But Genesis is a drug dealer. To be specific, he runs a methamphetamine laboratory.

"I lived a straight life for about 10 years," Genesis said. "Semper fidelis, always faithful. But the people who run the world are always faithless. It wasn't promotion I was after. It wasn't really the money either. There was simply no respect for me as a person, or the people around me for that matter. I started going to clubs at night, and I saw the way people mask themselves to get along. They didn't like themselves, and it showed in their apathy. They didn't know what it took to make them happy, so they tried everything that came into their path. Meth was one of those things. I saw an opportunity and took advantage of it."

The quiet is at once shattered by the shrill ring of a cellular phone. A hushed conversation takes place, and the phone is handed over to Genesis. After a few moments of silence he hangs up and says, "Nulla nuova, buona nuova." (An Italian phrase meaning no news is good news.)

There is a strong acidic smell in the air. It burns the eyes like chlorine bleach.

"Bachelor," Genesis shouts. "Go make sure they

have the vents open and the fans on."

A woman enters from a third door in the room and walks through a door at the foot of the wooden stairs that lead back to the surface. She is wearing jeans, a long-sleeved T-shirt, leather gloves, and a red ski mask. Over her face is an industrial respirator. She scampers past and says "Excuse me," and disappears behind the door from which she came. After a moment of silence, Genesis continues.

"Pardon the intrusion. As I was about to say, the rest is history. There are other aspects of this business that are easier and cheaper to get into, but cooking and selling in bulk is the most profitable. It is also the safest. You still have to be careful, but if you are smart, you can go a lifetime without getting caught. We move about once a month."

There is a stirring in the room where he is sitting, and in a moment he emerges through the hole in the wall. The glow of the candle light behind him paints a surreal, almost frightening picture. He is dressed in blue jeans, a black, long-sleeved shirt, and leather gloves. He is also wearing a respirator, but instead of a ski mask, his head is adorned with a black, wrap-around cloth that ties and hangs loosely down the back. He is at least 6 feet tall and at nearly 190 pounds is an imposing figure.

He moves through the door at the foot of the stairs. The woman he calls Bachelor is at his side. His gait is confident and his eyes wrinkle at the temples, denoting a smile.

"Try not to touch anything," he says. "Some of these chemicals can be dangerous."

The acidic smell is getting stronger now, and it is plain to see the need for the respirators, but there is nothing to protect the eyes, and the harsh chemicals burn them.

"You get used to it after a while," Bachelor said.

Another door opens into the cooking room. There are two kitchen-style stoves in the middle of the room. Above are three fluorescent light fixtures, each holding two bulbs. Also above the

stoves are two large range hoods, each laboring to pull the noxious fumes from the room. Two large fans are in another doorway, pointed out to assist the range hoods.

Standing in front of the stoves are two men. Each is holding a cake-sized Pyrex pan, containing about one-eighth of an inch of clear liquid. The men are gently rocking the pans so that the liquid will move back and forth in a wave-like motion. Both are dressed in jeans, long sleeves, and the now-familiar respirator.

On another table, on cooling racks, are two more Pyrex pans. The liquid in them is hardening, and being prepared to be cut.

"This is the writer I told you about," Genesis said. Both men nod and then turn back to their work. Bachelor moves to the cooling table and picks up a single-edged razor blade. She scrapes the top of the cooling product, and small pieces curl up from the pan.

"This isn't quite ready yet," he said. "It takes a long time for it to harden. We don't keep it all here."

Bachelor is 26 years old. She has a 2-year-old child by Genesis. She, like Genesis, has no qualms about what she is involved in.

"Most people look their whole lives for something that will make them happy," she said. "I am a proud person, and I don't want to be involved in this my whole life. I do have a child to care for, and I don't want to have to move him around all

I have lived a straight life for about 10 years. Semper fidelis, always faithful. But the people who run the world are always faithless.

**Genesis
Drug dealer**



IN RETROSPECT

Experience leaves unanswered questions

By NELSON WEBB
CHART REPORTER

Later the next week, I got a third call from the mysterious voice on the phone. Another appointment was set. I kept it, but there is not much new to report.

Genesis was aloof and didn't act as if he had time for me. People were rushing in and out of the room, and there were clanking sounds coming from the area of the cooking room. I had the impression they were breaking down the operation and preparing to move on, though the distinctive smell of cooking drugs was present.

Genesis never produced the promised copy of the book, and I never asked. It was almost as if I had been brought here to witness the moving process, though I never saw anything being moved.

Genesis did apologize for his lack of attentiveness, explaining that something unexpected had come up. Not long after I arrived, I was told I would have to leave. For the first time, there was no invitation to return.

There are still many questions left unanswered. Is this a case of an intelligent, charismatic man who simply took the wrong road in life? Who is the real man behind the veil, drug dealer or cult leader? Or is this simply another case of a wrongdoer trying to make excuses for what he does? None of these questions can be answered to full satisfaction.

In retrospect, criminals who rationalize their acts are not uncommon. Imagining unearthly balance keepers, flitting around the universe, tipping the scales in prudence with acts of evil — or good for that matter — does little to ease our judgment upon them. Drugs are being pro-

duced, people are taking them, lives are being ruined, life goes on.

Genesis said he does what he does because the voice of the people is the voice of God. He also said it was to establish balance. There are those who would believe his words. Conversely, Francis Bacon wrote, "An ill man is always ill, but he is worst of all who pretends to be a saint."

This is not a story about character. It is not a story about crime or morality.

It is the story of one man and his methamphetamine operation. Yet, there seems to be very little story here. There is nothing new about drug dealers or cult leaders, even ones as polite as Genesis. Maybe that in itself is the story.

Maybe that in itself is the lesson. □

DRIVE: Escorts polite, discreet

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and is now driving down what must be little more than a cattle path, because the ride is rough and my body is threatening to throw itself into the floorboard. I am glad my hands are not tied so I can hold onto the seat for balance. Finally, the car is slowing again and the ride is beginning to smooth out. I have a feeling we are now on a dirt road. One more ominous thought pops into my head: "There is no turning back now."

We have stopped, and once again the driver's-side door is opened. My escorts say something to each other, but they are whispering and I can't quite make it out.

"We are going to take you inside now," one of them says. "Let me guide you down the stairs."

Oh my God, they're taking me underground.

I am walking slowly through tall grass. My left arm is being held firmly, but not harshly, by one of the men in the front seat. In front of us, a door creaks softly, and we walk into a structure. It smells musty, but there is another aroma underlying the staleness. We creep down 12 wooden stairs. As advertised, they are steep. I am led around a corner to the left and gingerly deposited into a nominally comfortable armchair. I can hear the shuffling of feet behind me, and I am startled by the touch of a hand on the back of my neck. The blindfold is being removed.

"Genesis will be with you in a moment," a voice says. I keep looking straight ahead until I hear him leave. No turning back now.

The chair I am sitting in is old,



This home, south of Carl Junction, was caught in a blaze during the cooking of methamphetamines this past August.

but clean. It is faded red in color, with green leaves mixed in.

On the floor is an old indoor-outdoor carpet that looks as though it may have been green once. In the corner is an abandoned water heater. Two decades of rust are eating prolifically through its thin metal skin. The walls of the underground room are made of brick, denoting considerable age.

Directly in front of me is a large hole in the wall. It looks to be hand-hewn, and a soft glow emanates from it. Shadows flicker on the walls, and I have a definite feeling someone is in there. I am right. A clear, strong voice calls out from inside the glowing hole. "Welcome to my oubliette," the voice says.

No more visions, no more doubt. There is definitely no turning back now. □

OVERCOMING ALCOHOL ABUSE

After years of addiction, the time came to quit

Weakness, restlessness, nausea and vomiting, headaches, nightmares, irritability, depression, acute anxiety, hallucinations, seizures, and possible death are all textbook examples of the withdrawal symptoms of alcoholism.

It is not my intention, nor is it my place, to decide if drinking is morally acceptable. Nor am I inclined to discuss the dangers to one's health. For me, however, it became a vice neither I nor my family could live with any longer. After years of an addiction that saw me put down 20 beers daily, it was suddenly time to quit.



Nelson Webb
Chart Reporter

Now if this were a story of my battle with the aforementioned symptoms of withdrawal, it would prove terribly uninteresting. We have all seen, or read, the horror stories of what people go through when they climb up on the proverbial wagon. But this is the story of revisitation of a human being that maybe I once was.

To begin with, I never considered myself a person who was prone to violence. I regret to say, however, that since I have quit drinking, I have found within myself the urge to hurt someone. No, not someone I really care about, but the average Joe on the street, a rude store clerk, or the guy next to me at the stoplight. I really don't like his face. My middle digit itches like the trigger finger of a gunslinger.

ready to draw and shoot at the slightest hint of trouble. It feels a little sad to be so frustrated at my age. Funny thing, I used to be such a happy drunk. I got along with everyone.

I think it has something to do with the fact that I want to blame someone else for what I'm going through. I believe this is common among recovering drunks. It kind of makes you nervous to hear that Boris Yeltsin is quitting drinking, doesn't it?

Guilt is probably the greatest enemy of an alcoholic. I have tried hard not to immerse myself in it because I think it will serve only to make me want to drink even more. But sometimes it is a relentless monster that bangs on the door of your brain until you can no longer resist its mind-numbing power.

My dad was an alcoholic, and I remember the way it made me feel when I was a kid. No matter what kind of day I had, I could never really consider it a success until he came home. He hadn't been drinking, I could almost feel the very materials our house was made of breathe a sigh of relief. But if he had, I felt the danger of being crushed by the ensuing tension. Little else meant anything at times like those.

But when it came to my children, I simply shut out that nagging voice that told me they were probably feeling the same way I had. Now I am forced to face it. I sometimes wish my only battle came with the withdrawal. As bad as it is, it's bluff compared to facing my family sober. Not that I thought I was hiding what I was

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from them, but now I can't hide it from myself. They are on my side, and they act as if my previous life never existed, but I know in my heart they are holding their breath, waiting to see if I am going to fall.

But, I'm beginning to rediscover my family. With all the introspection going on here, there is one question I struggle with most. With people like these in my life, why did I start drinking in the first place?

Not everything about all this is negative, though. I have a new sense of balance. No, literally, my balance is better. I don't stagger or swagger anymore. This, to me, is a great relief. All this time I thought I had a really bad ear infection.

I have also had to reevaluate my relation-

ship with a few of our household necessities. No. 1, the toilet bowl, formerly known as Prince. (Don't ask; that is a secret I will never reveal.) Many times this fellow has allowed me to pour my guts out without judgment or supercilious questions about when I began hating my mother.

However, as a good friend will often do, he allowed me to see the error of my ways in graphic detail. Then, when I could stand to see no more, he took it all away and let me rest my aching head on his cool shoulder.

Standing next to Prince is what I secretly referred to as "Sanctuary," the shower. I began each day in this place of solace, slamming down a couple before my family had even risen from their slumber. But morning was not the only time I came to hide myself here. Anytime I wanted to hide the fact that I

needed a drink, I could come here. I was a drunk, but I was a very clean drunk.

Last, but not least, is the tainted lady I slept with at the end of each fog-filled day, "Spinner," the bed. She is a heartless mistress.

She draws you in by making you think she is the only one who can make you forget who and what you really are. "Sleep, sleep," she coos.

But when she gets you into her lair, she turns on you like the Delilah she really is. She sends you thrashing and swooning like a skiff on the open sea. Incidentally, don't let anyone tell you that putting one foot on the floor will make the spinning stop. That is a cruel rumor started by Spinner that only fools like me believed.

There have been many revelations in the

past few weeks. The most important thing I have learned is that sobriety is not going to kill me, and drinking probably would have. And with a beautiful wife and four fantastic kids, I have a lot to live for.

With all the uncertainty sobriety has wrought, I am sure I am getting better. I don't know if I will ever drink again. I want to, sometimes badly. But looking down from this wagon I find myself on. It looks like it's 100 stories high, and that's a long damn way to fall.

Now, there are disillusioned individuals out there who look up to people who are fast-living and hard-drinking. They find the whole scenario romantically dangerous and inviting. I don't remember it being that way. But what do I know? You're talking to a guy who named his toilet bowl Prince. ☐

LAB: Giving up on society, government leads dealer to start meth lab

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the time like I do now. But someday we'll have enough money to settle down and be a little more stable. But Genesis is my life. He is the very truth of my soul. He has my answers, and he always has. But, really, I think he has all our answers."

She looks lovingly at the father of her child, and the wrinkles at her temples say she is smiling. Genesis meets her gaze for a moment, and then nods toward the two men at the stoves. Bachelor introduces one of them as Jo Jo.

The man turns and stares from the corner of his eye. His eyes are terribly bloodshot from standing over the harsh chemicals. He seems slightly dazed — probably from breathing the fumes — but like a highly trained F.R. man, is able to give what sounds like a well-rehearsed talk concerning the production of methamphetamine.

"First, we bleach and cook all the ingredients in one of these pots," Jo Jo says. "I can't tell you what goes into it because I don't know. It's not my job to mix it. I just cook. We have a pharmacist who does the actual mixing. He puts everything into the pot and cuts it with Vitamin B-12. Some people use baby laxatives to cut it, but we believe in a high quality product. We don't want to hurt anybody."

It was more like listening to a TV commercial than a drug dealer.

"We roll the stuff back and forth to keep the stuff in motion," he continued. "As we do this, the liquid becomes stiffer until it's kind of like new jelly. Then we put it on one of the cooling racks until it hardens. We have a guy we call the surgeon who scrapes it and weighs it. From there, we bag it or put it in nasal inhalers, or however the client asks for it. From one pan we can get from one-eighth to one-fourth of an ounce."

Jo Jo calls out to the other man. He calls himself Budda.

"That's B-U-D-D-A," he says.

Jo Jo wants him to talk about shaying the hardened product, but Budda wants to discuss other things.

"That Genesis is something else, ain't he?" Budda says. He's about the only thing that kept me out of fucking prison. I was a big-time twerker. (Twerker is slang for someone who uses meth.) I smoked, I snorted, I used darts (using the drug intravenously). I don't think there was a time from when I was 18 that I wasn't spiraling. No, I was spun. I met Gen in a bar one night, and he told me he would help me get off the shit. Then he gave me a job. I still want the shit sometimes, but I've got a pretty good deal here."

He looks at Genesis like a lawning sycophant.

Genesis walks out of the cooking room and back to the room at the bottom of the stairs. Bachelor is there, sans respirator, with her ski mask pulled up over her face. He turns his back and removes his respirator and wraps his cloth headgear around his face.

"I know you must think that what we do here is ongo mali (Latin for origin of evil), but we do what we have to do. I agreed to talk to you to dispel the myth that all people in this business are bloodthirsty bastards. It may not be the most noble of trades, but as Einstein said, everything is relative."

Any mention of the word murder, often associated with the drug trade, sets him reeling.

"I've never killed anyone," he said. "People's karma kills them; I don't have to do it. People watch too many movies."

With that, Genesis gets up and walks back toward the room from where he first entered. But it seems he has forgotten something, and he turns around. "Shalom alekhem," he said. "Peace unto you."

It was clear there was more to know about this man than what was offered in one short visit. Fortunately, a second invitation to visit the lab was extended and accepted.

"Welcome back," he said. "I hope your trip was more enjoyable this time."

Again he was in the cloth, wrap-around headgear. His face was covered. He held onto a brown, leather-bound book on his lap. He stroked the book's cover from time to time.

"This is why I brought you back here," he said. "I fear you left less time with the wrong impression of us. There is little nobility in what you observed, and that is not the true picture of us. I said the last time that I saw an opportunity and took it. But there is more to it than simply making money. This is only a means to an end."

His statement was reminiscent of what Bachelor said during the first meeting about not wanting to do this forever. She had also said that Genesis had not only her answers, but everyone's answers. She did not expound on her statement, but he was about to.

"This is who I really am," he said, nodding as if to affirm his statement. He held the book closer, and his eyes sparkled. "This is the Book of Angels. It is the story of when the angels came down from heaven to mate with the daughters of men. I know what you're thinking, and I'm not claiming I'm one of the fallen angels. I am telling you this book is a source of power for those who know how to use it."

According to lore, the "Book of Angels" comes from Sumerian tradition. Sumeria was an ancient culture in the area of what is now known as Iraq. It predates the Babylonian empire, and is familiar to biblical students as Ur, the land of

the father of Abraham, the patriarch.

"The book recounts the days before the flood," he said, "when the angels taught the women the 'Wisdom of Heaven,' also known as the magical arts."

"It goes on to describe the rituals of the Heavenly Maker," he continued. "I don't know if everything in this book can be performed correctly in this day and age. But some of it can."

His semi-hypnotic voice was interrupted by Bachelor walking into the room. She waved politely, and leaned over to whisper something to Genesis.

"Yes, that's fine," he said, and she walked briskly from the room. She reentered a few seconds later with two cans of Coke. She served them and again left the room.

"Here," he said, turning the book to where it could be seen more clearly. As he turned the fragile pages, there appeared strange-looking script and even stranger hand-drawn pictures that depicted winged figures with outstretched arms. Lightning bolted from the hands of some, while others stared sadly at the ground. He explained that the angels were in a state of grief for what they had done, but it was too late for them to turn the wrath of God. "These," he said, "are the angels enchained in the lowest hell."

"I am showing you this so you will understand what I am about to tell you. The world is in an unbalanced state. It is the job of some people to help put it back into balance. Sometimes, things are a little too comfortable, and we have to find ways to even things out a bit. War is another good example. Most people don't know what is going on, but it is nonetheless. Those that do know are known as Akashikas, or the Keepers of the Record."

Genesis said he would manually copy parts of the book, explaining that it has to be handed down in written form. He said he didn't want to expose the book to the magnetism of a copy machine, fearing it would lose its power.

"We have to learn the ways of the book in order to know what is to be done next," he said. "There are certain parts of the world known as balance points. This area is one of them. Events can be most easily affected from these points."

He was waving his hands enthusiastically as he spoke, but his voice never rose above its usual calm.

Suddenly he closed the book, and for the first time seemed disquieted, almost agitated. The second interview was over.

"Here, if you get a copy of the book," he said. "Shalom."

For whatever reason, people sometimes decide to expose themselves to the outside world. Genesis has done this with both his drug operation and his unusual religious convictions. Yet he has decided to stop short of full disclosure. Why is unclear. Another mystery for another day. ☐

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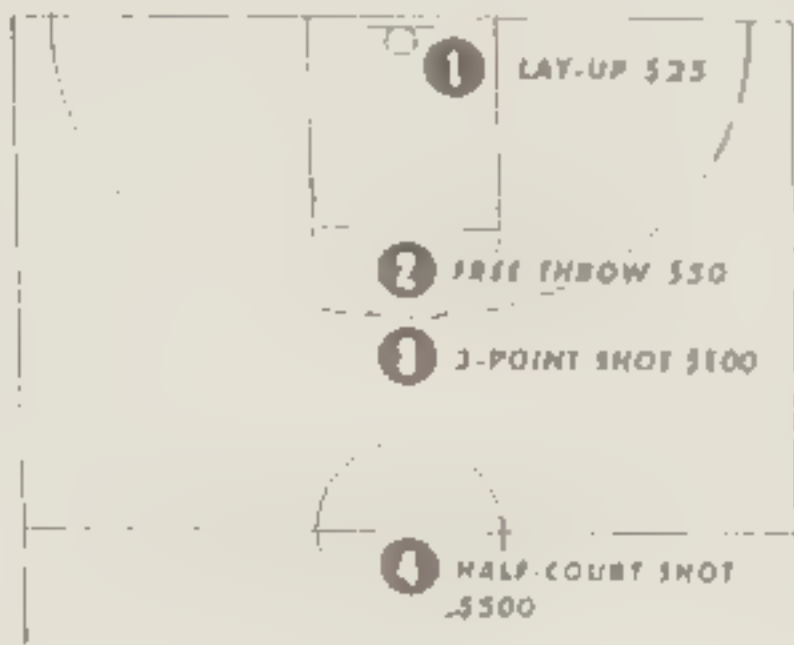
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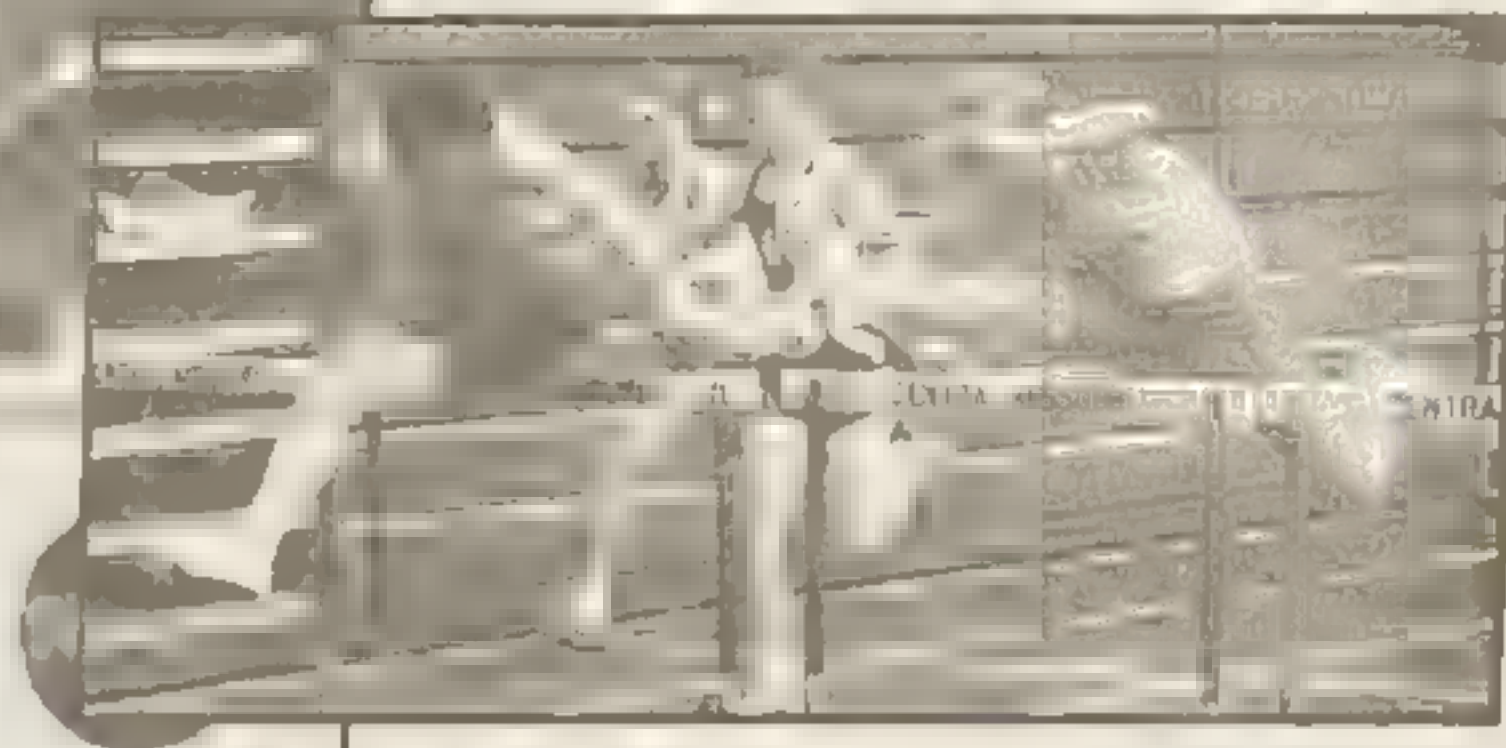
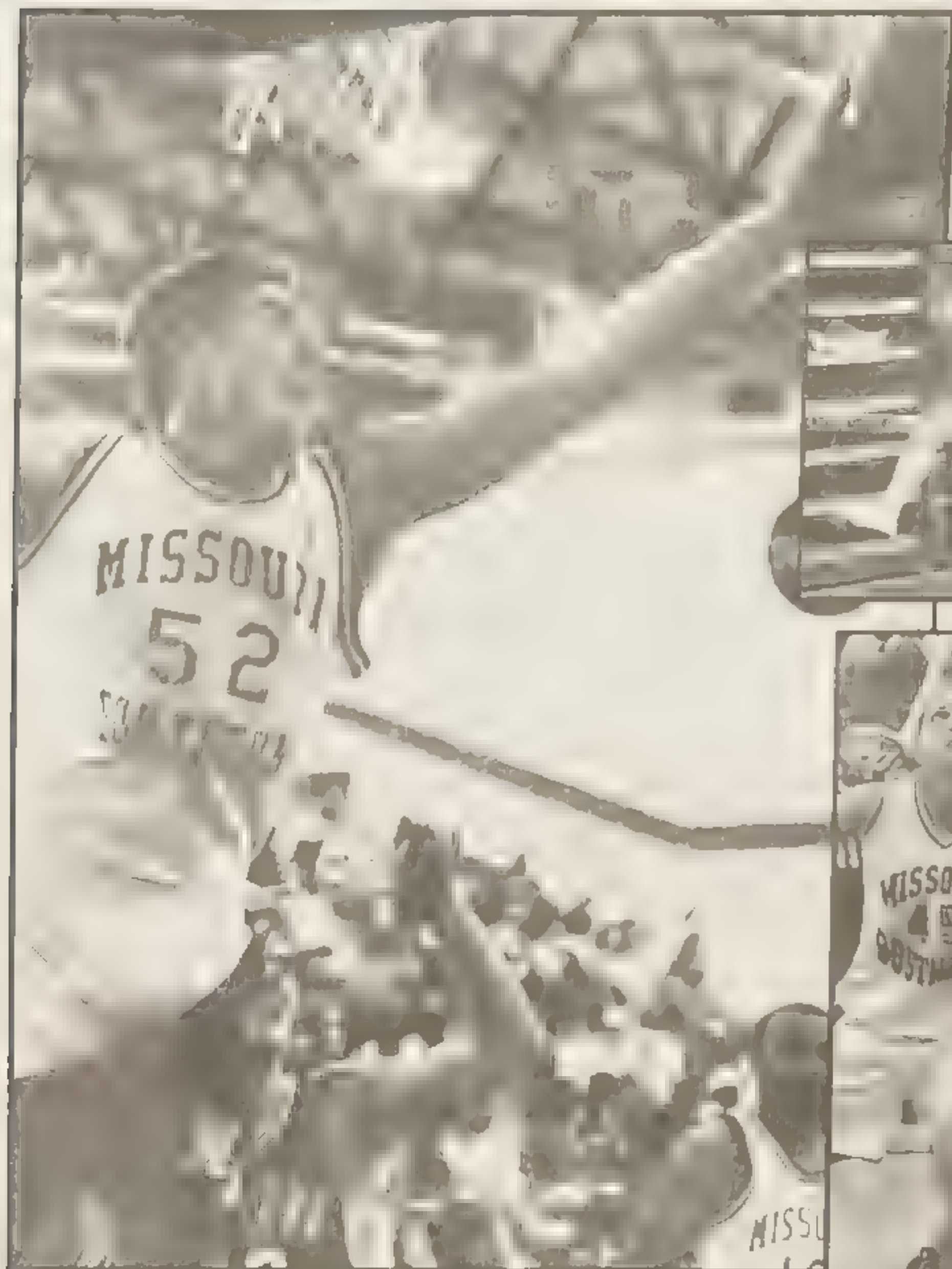


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1996 - '97 Lion schedule

Nov. 15	Ozark Christian	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Central Arkansas	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	AWAY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29-30	Missouri Southern Pro-Am Athletics/United States Cellular Classic		
Fri.	Arkansas Tech vs. Pittsburg State		5:30 p.m.
	MSSC vs. Georgia Southwestern		7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Georgia Southwestern vs. Pittsburg State		5:30 p.m.
	MSSC vs. Arkansas Tech		7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Southwest Baptist (MIAA)	AWAY	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Rockhurst College	AWAY	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 30-31	Missouri Southern Freeman Sports Medicine Center Tournament		
Mon.	American Univ. vs. North Alabama		5:30 p.m.
	MSSC vs. Henderson State		7:30 p.m.
Tues.	Consolation		1:30 p.m.
	Championship		3:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Lincoln University (MIAA)	AWAY	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Emporia State (MIAA)	AWAY	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Central Missouri (MIAA)	HOME	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Missouri Western (MIAA)	AWAY	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Truman State (MIAA)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Washburn University (MIAA)	HOME	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Missouri-Rolla (MIAA)	AWAY	7:45 p.m.
Jan. 27	Central Missouri (MIAA)	AWAY	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Pittsburg State (MIAA)	AWAY	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 1	Emporia State (MIAA)	HOME	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	Northwest Missouri (MIAA)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Southwest Baptist (MIAA)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Northwest Missouri (MIAA)	AWAY	7:40 p.m.
Feb. 12	Missouri Western (MIAA)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Truman State (MIAA)	AWAY	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Missouri-Rolla (MIAA)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Pittsburg State (MIAA)	HOME	3:00 p.m.

Feb. 24-28 MIAA Post-Season Tournament

Campus Sites 7:00 p.m.

March 6-8/7-9 NCAA Division II Regionals

Campus Sites TBA

March 19-22 NCAA Division II Championships

Louisville, Ky. TBA

1996 - '97 Track & Field

Jan. 17	University of Arkansas Invitational
Jan. 24	University of Arkansas
Feb. 1	Jayhawk Invitational
Feb. 7-8	CMSU Classic
Feb. 14	Pittsburg State University Invitational
Feb. 21-22	MIAA Indoor Conference Championships
March 7-8	NCAA Indoor Nationals

1996 - '97 Lady Lion schedule

Nov. 18	Kansas Wesleyan	AWAY	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 22-23	Missouri Western Classic	AWAY	TBA
Nov. 29-30	Missouri Southern Best Inns Lady Lions Classic		
Fri.	Rockhurst vs. Pittsburg		1:00 p.m.
	MSSC vs. Southwestern College		3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Southwestern College vs. Pittsburg		1:00 p.m.
	MSSC vs. Rockhurst College		3:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	Oklahoma Baptist	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	Southwest Baptist (MIAA)	AWAY	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 12-14	Missouri Southern Lady Lions High School Invitational		TBA
Jan. 4	Lincoln University (MIAA)	AWAY	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Emporia State (MIAA)	AWAY	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Central Missouri (MIAA)	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Missouri Western (MIAA)	AWAY	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Truman State (MIAA)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
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Feb. 12	Missouri Western (MIAA)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Truman State (MIAA)	AWAY	7:40 p.m.
Feb. 17	Rockhurst (MIAA)	AWAY	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	Missouri-Rolla (MIAA)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Pittsburg (MIAA)	HOME	1:00 p.m.

Feb. 23-March 1 MIAA Post-Season Tournament

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Lions 3rd in MIAA ranks



FILE PHOTO

Lady Lion head coach Carrie Kaifes chats with senior guard Nicole Heinz during a game last season at Young Gymnasium.

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

A second year coach, Carrie Kaifes is the head coach and leading scorer (Melissa Kaifes) of the Lady Lions basketball team. Kaifes hopes to make it as official as possible.

"We have a lot of people who are going to get people where they can be successful," she said. "We are going to get people where they can be successful."

"We are going to get people where they can be successful," she said. "We are going to get people where they can be successful."

"Nicole played point guard last year but we moved her to shooting guard this year," Kaifes said. "She is a true shooter and this position will best highlight that."

The Lady Lions, who finished 23-6 last season after a regional semifinal loss to West Texas A&M, are looking to improve on that mark. Much of the pressure for that goal will fall on junior college transfer KaTonya Samuels.

"KaTonya will be a great addition to our team," Kaifes said. "She is so quick that it really makes her hard to guard. She is also very vocal, which is something most of these players aren't used to."

The responsibility will not fall solely on Samuels, however, as the Lady Lions will still be able to count on solid play from senior Marie Scott. Scott, who averaged 18.1 points and 12.5 rebounds per game last year, might be seen hammering down three-pointers as well as her usual inside shots this year.

"Marie is more dangerous than most people realize," Kaifes said. "Everyone knows that she can play the inside well, but not everyone knows she led her junior college in three-point shooting percentage. I hope she gets to show case that this year."

A cautious Scott said she would do what she could.

"I enjoy playing inside," she said. "If I get open on the outside then I'll shoot it, but we'll just have to see."

Southern's biggest change this year will be in its ability to run the floor. Kaifes said she wanted the 1996-97 Lady Lions to be more of a fast-break team.

"We have really emphasized getting up and down the floor this year," she said. "Even Marie Scott, who isn't used to doing it, has really started working on running the floor. We are going to get after some people this year."

"Last year, we really didn't have enough people to be able to sub and keep the floor fresh. That really hurt our running game. This year we are going to be a different story."

This year will see in MIAA Southern should go down to the wire.

With seven teams receiving at least one first-place vote in the preseason poll, the conference championship should be up in the air.

"Our conference is always tough," Kaifes said. "This year is no exception. It's like every one was afraid to pick the team who would finish first."

Look for Scott to paint path in her lane

When I came to Missouri Southern two years ago, if you had told me I would even take the time to notice when women's basketball season started, I'd have said you were crazy.

My sister plays, so I pay attention to her high school schedule. She's not here, though, so why would I care about Southern's schedule?

However, I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to cover the Lady Lions last season, and I saw a team that totally redefined my definition of women's basketball forever.

This year's team is no different. Every team starts with its coach, and Southern can do no better than last year's MIAA coach of the year, Carrie Kaifes.

Kaifes is as fun to watch as her team, and she should be able to lead the Lady Lions to more postseason play.

This year's team will also see strong play out of the MIAA's "most dangerous player," Marie Scott. Scott, who will be as dominant in the paint as always, will also lend her experience by helping along the younger players.



Jason Owen
Sports Editor

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BEARCATS

Southern Baptist
Key Personnel: Jan Robins, Michelle Mikkelsen
Key Personnel: Kim Glenn, Maria Harrison, Erin Henderson



LADY BLUES

Washburn
Key Personnel: Nikki Ollending, Tiffany Lohse
Key Personnel: Emily Stepper, Stacy West



LADY LIONS

Missouri Southern
Key Personnel: Marie Scott, KaTonya Samuels
Key Personnel: KaTonya Samuels, Marie Scott, KaTonya Samuels



LADY MINERS

Missouri-Rolla
Key Personnel: Becky Reichard, Heather Hartman
Key Personnel: Emily Mills, LeAnn Farmer



LADY HORNETS

Emporia State
Key Personnel: Heather Jordan
Key Personnel: Anna Karam, Amanda Hord, Nicole Pinkston



GORILLAS

Pittsburg State
Key Personnel: Jenni Miller, Jessica Abele
Key Personnel: Amy Bartlesmeyer



JENNIES

Central Missouri
Key Personnel: Gretchen Lacy
Key Personnel: Sarah Beckley



LADY GRIFFONS

Missouri Western
Key Personnel: Jennifer Marx, Toni Wood



LADY BEARCATS

Southern Missouri
Key Personnel: Emily Henderson
Key Personnel: Emily Henderson, Emily Henderson



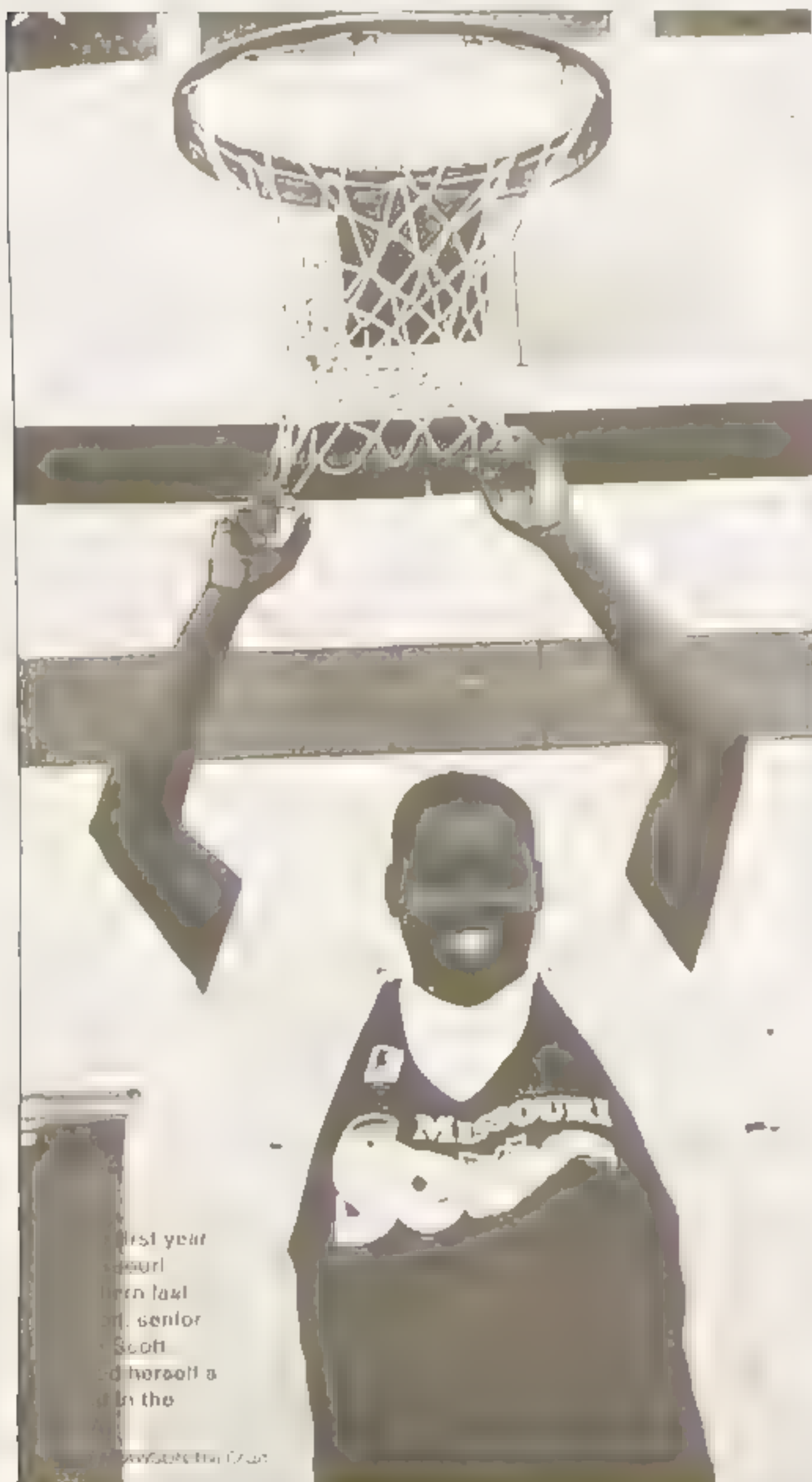
BULLDOGS

Truman State
Key Personnel: Amy Pillard, Amy Eggen
Key Personnel: Mollie Kahn, Megan Kahn



BLUE TIGERS

Lincoln University
Key Personnel: Vicki Campbell



ONE of a Kind

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I would love to go on and play in the professional women's league that is now forming. I know that to do that I must really be in shape.

Marie Scott
Lady Lion center

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Scott shoots for pro career

By JASON OWEN
PORTFOLIO

As the only girl in a family with six children, Marie Scott had to learn to be tough. Her opponents on the basketball court, however, probably wish she hadn't.

"I grew up with five brothers," she said. "That's why I play the way I do."

"I learned to play basketball from my brothers. We played in the alley by my house, and with them you had to play rough."

Her aggressive tendencies have not gone unnoticed. With her 18.1 points and 12.5 rebounds per game, some regard her as the "Most Dangerous Woman in the MIAA." Her head coach, Carrie Kaifes, disagrees.

"Marie's not aggressive," Kaifes said. "When I think of aggressive, I think of someone who will not let you catch the ball. Marie is more cov than that."

"She'll let you catch the ball, but then she'll take great pleasure in blocking the resulting shot. She's a very intimidating player, but she doesn't fit my definition of aggressive."

Scott said she enjoys being thought of as dangerous.

"I take that as a compliment," she said. "That's how I try to play. If people are noticing that's great."

With her senior season in front of her, Scott has set her eyes on the Lady Lions becoming the national champion. After that, though, there is still another goal.

"I would love to go on and play in the professional women's league that is now forming," she said.

"I know that to do that I must really be in shape, because they will cut good players just because they aren't in top shape. So that is one of my main focuses."

Kaifes said Scott has an opportunity to play at the next level because she has much to offer a pro team.

"She can't be stopped," Kaifes said. "She can play inside or out. She actually never played inside until she came here."

She is so dangerous because of her outside ability. At her junior college, she led her team in three-point shooting percentage. She is also a very smart player. She watches the whole court and helps the other players out. She has a lot to offer a pro team.

Scott said she really likes the year's Southern team because the players get along well together.

"We really are a team this year," she said.

"We have come together and are ready for the challenge that this year presents. It's going to be a good year."

First year
senior
been last
senior
Scott
herself a
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by Jason Owen/Courtesy

Head Coach



Carrie Kaifes

CAREER RECORD
66-87
MNSA RECORD
23-6 (1 year)

“

We want to do well, and we have that potential. Stick with us though we have a legitimate shot.

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Key Players



KaTonya Samuels

CLASS
Junior
POSITION
Guard



Marie Scott

CLASS
Senior
POSITION
Center



Nicole Heinz

CLASS
Senior
POSITION
Center



Shelly Oliver

CLASS
Senior
POSITION
Forward



Tonya Hocker

CLASS
Junior
POSITION
Forward



Mandy Olson

CLASS
Sophomore
POSITION
Forward

Is the pressure on coach Corn?

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After three consecutive years of missing post-season play, the question must now be asked: How much pressure is on Lions' head coach Robert Corn to produce a playoff-caliber squad?

For the past three seasons, the Lions have found themselves in ninth place in the MIAA, just one spot away from the eight-team tournament field.

And...
For the past three seasons, Missouri Southern has not been able to break into the MIAA's fearsome foursome — Central Missouri State, Washburn, Missouri Western, and Missouri-Rolla.

And...
For the past three seasons, the Lions have been wedged near the back of the pack, trying to nudge their way into the eighth and final playoff spot.

After finishing the 1992-93 campaign with a 21-10 record and a second-place conference showing, the Lions have yet to produce a winning season.

■ In 1993-94, Southern finished 12-14 overall and 6-10 in the MIAA.

■ In 1994-95, the Lions were 11-15 overall and 7-9 in the MIAA.

■ And in 1995-96, Southern ended up 12-14 overall and 7-9 in the MIAA, giving the Lions a three-season record of 35-43 overall and 20-28 in the conference.

So will things be different this season?

Corn, who enters his eighth season at Southern, said winning is important every year, but is not something that should be forced down the throats of his players.

"I like the foundation that we have with

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I think the worst thing I can do as a coach is to start feeling so much pressure to win that it carries over to my players.

Robert Corn
Lion head coach

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this team right now,” he said.

“Whether it happens this year or next year, I don’t know. I think the worst thing I can do as a coach is to start feeling so much pressure to win that it carries over to my players.

“I think it is very important for your players to play relaxed, and play with confidence. And I think we have to do that as coaches as well.”

Corn, despite only two winning seasons at Southern, has an overall winning record of 100-93. And he thinks his team will return to the playoffs very soon.

“It is going to happen,” he said. “If you look at us last year, we started two freshmen and just missed the playoffs. Now, if you show me a team in this league that started 40-percent of their team as freshmen and just missed the playoffs, that in some ways could be considered a successful year.

“If we beat Emporia last season over there (a 70-56 loss in the season finale), we are in [the playoffs]. But that just



JOHN SMITH/The Chant

Head coach Robert Corn gives directions to sophomore center Matt Olson. Corn is entering his eighth season at Missouri Southern, with a career record of 100-93.

didn’t happen.”

Despite the last three seasons, men’s athletic director Jim Frazier said there is “zero pressure” on Corn to produce.

“If you look at the graduation rate of our players, we are second in the MIAA,” Frazier said. “This is what we are after. [Corn] does an excellent job coaching and teaching basketball. There is zero pressure on [Corn] as long as I am sitting at this desk.”

Corn realizes that keeping up with the upswing of the MIAA is a key for future success. During his first years at Southern, he said there was a considerable gap between the more skilled clubs and the rest of the conference, which included the Lions.

But now Corn thinks the gap has narrowed.

“I don’t know if we have the dominant

teams like we have had in years past,” he said. “The big thing in Division II basketball is that you have to know what you want to do with your program. A lot of schools in our league are either junior college transfer or four-year transfer oriented. They don’t bring a lot of freshmen in.”

So what can the Lions do to recapture the magic of the 1992-93 season?

“You need to have players who are having really good years at the same time,” Corn said. “Ron Joyner was a great player on that year’s team.

“Really, Ron Joyner was the glue of that team. Chris [Tucker] was a great player. DeMarko McCullough was a great player. We had three guys that year who got all-conference recognition. And if you get three guys getting that, you should be pretty good.” □

Head Coach



Robert Corn

CAREER RECORD:
100-93
MSSC RECORD:
12-14 (8 years)

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I’m really counting on Greg (Ray) as a starter this season.

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Key Players



Lance Robbins

CLASS:
Senior
POSITION:
Guard



Mario Phillips

CLASS:
Sophomore
POSITION:
Guard



Matt Olson

CLASS:
Sophomore
POSITION:
Center



Greg Ray

CLASS:
Senior
POSITION:
Forward



Todd Fox

CLASS:
Junior
POSITION:
Forward



Carlos Newberry

CLASS:
Junior
POSITION:
Forward

The time for winning is upon us

With so many new faces on this year's men's basketball team, who knows what could happen. Maybe even postseason play.

Even though they were picked seventh in the preseason MIAA poll, head coach Robert Corn and his team hope to surprise just about everyone by finishing in the conference's upper echelon.

To fill you in, eight of the 11 teams in the conference make the MIAA post-season playoffs. Missouri Southern finished ninth last season

P. Nicholas Parker
Associate Editor

— and ninth in 1994 and 1995.

The Lions (12-14 overall last year and 7-9 in the MIAA) will look to their four returnees, five transfers, and two freshmen in 1996-97 to lead them to light at the end of the three-year tunnel.

Senior guard Lance Robbins will most likely have to step up as the Lions' playmaker, without the ever-heroic Eddie Reece. Reece's uncanny ability to save the day (or game) will be sorely missed, as will his 19 points per game.

Some people say the pressure is not only on the Lion players, but also on Corn in his eighth season at the helm. The pressure to perform is not as high in NCAA Division II — but it is still there. There is one ever-present rule in athletics at any level — if you don't produce, changes will be made. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions hunt for playoff spot

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With only four returning players, head coach Robert Corn will look to his seven newcomers to fill the holes left by last year's graduating class. The Lions lost three seniors at the end of last season: center Iric Farmer, guard Eddie Reece, and forward Kevin Shorter. Reece averaged 19.1 points per game and earned a spot on the first-team all-MIAA squad.

Corn said filling the hole left by Reece will be difficult, but he believes his team will be able to meet any needs that arise.

"He'll definitely be missed," Corn said. "He hit a lot of big shots for us and had a lot of heroic last-second shots. He will be missed, but I feel like there are some guys on the team who can elevate their level of play."

One of the players Corn believes will step up is senior forward Greg Ray. The 6-foot-4 Mount Vernon product has been used mainly as a reserve player throughout his career at Missouri Southern, although he has started a few games. Corn said Ray's maturity on and off the court and his knowledge of the MIAA will be assets.

"I'm really counting on Greg as a starter this season," Corn said. "The last 10 or 11 games last season, Greg really started coming into his own. He has been with us for a while and understands our game plan."

The Lions return only two starters from last season's 12-14 squad: sophomore guard Mario Phillips and sophomore center Matt Olson. Senior guard Lance Robbins also saw considerable action. Sophomore forward Brian Taylor is the other returnee.

Southern has added 10 new faces to its roster, seven of whom will see action in the course of the 1996-97 season. Five of



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Missouri Southern is gearing up for its season opener against Ozark Christian at 7 p.m. Friday at Young Gymnasium. The Lions open MIAA play Dec. 4 vs. Southwest Baptist.

the players are transfers, and five come in as freshmen. Three of the freshmen have chosen to take a redshirt year.

Two of the transfers hail from the Kansas City, Mo., area. Sophomore guard Travis Smith comes from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and sophomore forward Allan Brown played last at Avila College. Junior center Todd Fox (Fort Scott Community College), junior guard Aaron Brooks (North Arkansas Community College), and junior forward Ted Paul (Southwestern Community College in California) are the other transfers.

Forwards Carlos Newberry and Jeremy Uhlmann are the two freshmen looking to see action this season. Newberry had 15 points in Southern's 91-90 loss to the Dream Builders Saturday night, while Paul

led the way with 22.

Corn said the players coming to Southern via transfer will have an easier time adjusting to the Lions and the MIAA than the freshmen.

"The transfers bring previous college experience that a freshman doesn't have yet," he said. "They are a year or two older, and they not only bring more experience but also maturity."

Corn said he's not quite sure of his starting line-up yet, but said Southern fans will see a few different combinations at the onset of the season.

"For sure you'll see Phillips, Olson, and Ray, but there are nine or 10 guys capable of starting for us," he said.

The Lions open their season Friday at home against Ozark Christian College. □

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ICHABODS

Wabash Baptist
Key Returnees: Dan Blair, Jordan Canfield
Top Newcomers: John Sweet



MINERS

Missouri-Rolla
Key Returnees: Tim Holloway, Terry Smith, Jeff Kukul, Marc Tompkins



BEARCATS

Northwest Missouri
Key Returnees: Matt Beld, Corey Alexander, Kevin Allard
Top Newcomers: Shawn Williams, Roben Stevens



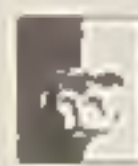
GRIFFONS

Missouri Western
Key Returnees: Erik Keeler, Sam Taylor
Top Newcomers: Terry Polk, Mitchell Garren, Rodrick Smith



MULES

Central Missouri State
Key Returnees: Orville Turner, Jerome Larimer, Kolbi Cristenden
Top Newcomers: Joe Ervin, Antonio Rivers



GORILLAS

Pittsburg State
Key Returnees: Pancho Conley, Oscar Gonzalez, T.J. Roberts



LIONS

Missouri Southern
Key Returnees: Lance Robbins, Matt Olson, Greg Ray, Mario Phillips
Top Newcomers: Jeremy Olson, Carlos Newbury



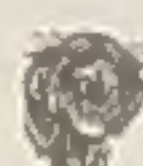
BEARCATS

Southwest Baptist
Key Returnees: Troy Chapp
Top Newcomers: Mark Devaux, Shawn Jones, Ian Pinder



HORNETS

Emporia State
Key Returnees: Erik Keeler, Sam Taylor
Top Newcomers: Terry Polk, Mitchell Garren, Rodrick Smith



BLUE TIGERS

Lincoln University
Key Returnees: Rondell Yarnance



BULLDOGS

Truman State
Key Returnees: Cory Parker, Tim Reuschel

INDOOR TRACK



James Thrash (second from right) hopes to remain among the top sprinters in the MIAA. In football Thrash has earned the unofficial title of "fastest man in the conference." Both the men's and women's teams are looking for their younger runners to step up as leaders this season.

FILE PHOTO/The Chart

Teams look for balance in new season

By AARON DESLATTE
STAFF WRITER

Chemistry is essential this winter for the cohesiveness of both the Missouri Southern track and field teams and their coaching staffs.

With the start of the indoor season slated for Jan. 17 at the University of Arkansas Invitational, head coaches Tom Rutledge and Patty Vavra are confident their respective teams will have strong results despite the lack of an indoor training facility.

"I've probably got the greatest group of kids that I've ever had," said Rutledge, head men's

coach. "They haven't complained. No one has quit. They just come to practice and work hard."

Yet, both coaches admit the lack of an adequate indoor training facility will create one more obstacle for their younger-than-average squads to overcome.

"Without an indoor facility, training for the indoor season is terribly difficult," said Vavra, head women's coach.

"Working outside limits what

we can do as far as technique goes."

"We have a nice outdoor facility," Rutledge added, "but when it rains, we work 30 kids in one racquetball court."

Rutledge, however, praises the cooperation between coaches at Southern.

"Our coaches work together better than any coaching staff I've ever been around. If they didn't work together, things would be bad," he said. "I don't know if too many people in our conference have to work under these conditions."

And with the indoor season approaching, the track and field team will have to make do with

what is available.

"You can't cry about it," Rutledge said.

"You just have to adapt and do the best you can. That's what our coaches do."

With a surplus of younger players, Vavra has yet to assign many runners to specific events. Both coaches believe the age of their squads presents similar strengths and weaknesses.

"The nucleus of our team is quite young," Vavra said. "We have one senior and three juniors returning. The rest are sophomores and freshmen."

And, while most see this as advantageous for the future of

the team, Vavra is quick to point out the lack of depth currently noticeable in the Lady Lions' squad.

"Our weakness is in the jumps," she said. "We don't have a high jumper at this time. We're going to be strong in the throws and distance events, but my philosophy is that you need to have the numbers to be strong in every event to be competitive in our conference."

But, both Vavra and Rutledge remain optimistic about the upcoming season.

"We've finished sixth the last two years," she said, "but I'd like to finish in the top half of our conference this season." □



Vavra

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions not looking at Ambassadors as easy mark

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CHART REPORTER

Mark the calendar, request off from work, and drag out the best Missouri Southern basketball sweatshirt from the closet, because World War III has come to Joplin.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Joplin's Ozark Christian College will visit Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium to take on Southern's men's basketball team for the first time ever.

"They played in our Classic about three years ago, and I've always had a lot of

respect for Charlie Williams and his program," said Robert Corn, head basketball coach at Southern. "I think it is an ideal situation to open the season with someone here inside the city. We are looking forward to the challenge."

Because both teams come from different conferences and OCC is a much smaller institution, many people consider the Ambassadors to be an easy mark. Corn, however, is taking nothing for granted.

"Anytime you step on the floor, you had better have respect for the other opponent or you will be in for a rude awaken-

ing," he said. "We know they are going to come in and play hard, be fundamentally sound, and will do some positive things against us."

"We just have to be able to match the effort they are sure to have," he said.

When Southern's junior guard Aaron Brooks considered the difference in size, he said, "I think it is good to start off the season with a smaller school. But we don't try to focus on what size a school is. We just try to keep everything the same, going into every game with the same attitude."

OCC, 2-2 on the season, is coming off a

weekend split in the Baptist Bible Classic in Springfield.

The Ambassadors defeated Grace University of Omaha, Neb., 78-65, but lost to Tennessee Temple, an NAIA Division I school, 96-65.

"OCC will come in playing extremely hard," Corn said.

"They are going to scrap, battle, and play with heart and toughness. They will not beat themselves."

OCC is led by Tim Hickman, a 6-foot-4 sophomore who scored 27 points in the win over Grace University. Kirt Bushnell, a 6-2 freshman, had 26 points. □

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